

Vance: Saudis threaten to cancel financing of Egyptian planes deal

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Saudi Arabia is threatening to reverse its previous decision to meet its outstanding economic assistance commitments to Egypt, including the supply of \$200m for the purchase of 80 U.S.-made F-16 fighters, Carter administration officials indicated yesterday.

Vance also said during testimony that he would "oppose" on the administration's response to a possible cancellation of the foreign aid bill cutting them in aid to Israel because of the continued establishment of new settlements on the West Bank. A spokesman added that this was the amount of money Israel had budgeted for settlement development in the coming year. The secretary rejected the U.S. position on the settlements, calling them contrary to international law and obstacles to peace.

new ones. Until recently, the Saudis had been providing Egypt with some \$1.5b in various forms of economic assistance each year. Vance and Brown were reluctant to go into any details on the current state of Saudi aid commitments to Egypt, but other U.S. officials said the Saudis have during the past several days, strongly indicated that they would reverse their earlier decision. The Saudis were apparently upset by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's strong attack against their policies last week. A total cutoff of Saudi aid to Egypt would represent a significant blow to Egypt and the U.S., which would

Begin blasts Defence Ministry for 'ignorant' autonomy proposals

By DAVID LANDAU Post Diplomatic Correspondent Prime Minister Menachem Begin delivered a blistering attack yesterday on the defence establishment for proposing a greater role for Egypt in the running of the Palestinian autonomy. The Defence Ministry proposal came in the form of a written text presented to the 11-man ministerial committee on the autonomy by Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zippori.

with Egypt at the end of the month. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, has missed all the committee meetings so far because he is away touring states in Southeast Asia. Both Weizman and Dayan are expected to attend the committee's meeting next Monday at which the prime minister's revised autonomy proposal is expected to be endorsed, with some minor changes, as Israel's opening position in the autonomy talks. Begin's proposal is largely based on his original 24-point autonomy plan, first devised in December and presented at that time to presidents Jimmy Carter and Anwar Sadat. It provides for administrative self-rule for the Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza while leaving security and defence in Israel's hands and maintaining Jewish rights in settlement and land-purchase.

tain control, too, of state lands and to supervise all plans for water exploitation, in view of the fact that much of Israel's water comes from underground reservoirs sited in the West Bank. These two issues — public lands and water — are considered crucial touchstones of the acceptability of the autonomy by the moderate on the West Bank who have refrained from dismissing the whole scheme out-of-hand. Begin's insistence that the public land and the water planning be controlled by Israel is, in his view, therefore, to win support for the autonomy among the people to whom it is to apply. The updated version draws on the language of the Camp David Framework to note that the Israeli military government will be "withdrawn" and that Israeli forces will be redeployed in "specified areas." Some ministers, among them

Yadin, Tzur passed over by justice minister Amnesties for 395 prisoners

By DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporter A year after the military amnesty among some 400 of the 1,200 prisoners in the country's jails, Justice Minister Yitzhak Ezer announced that 395 prisoners will enjoy full or partial amnesty on the basis of recommendations by committees appointed to mark the 30th anniversary of the state. Among those who will not enjoy any form of amnesty are former Israel Corporation managing director Michael Tzur and former Kapat Holim secretary-general Asher Yadin.

mined the personal files of 2,115 prisoners in the country's jails who had been sentenced by civilian courts. Ezer said a detailed plan on prison industries and helped educate and rehabilitate other prisoners. The committee also took into account a dissenting opinion in Tzur's appeal to the High Court which recommended that he be sentenced to nine years. Tzur said that he rejected the committee's recommendation because the public interest is paramount. "At this stage, despite the weighty considerations of the committee, such a reduction is not justified and at least early," he said. Ruth Tzur, the prisoner's wife, told The Jerusalem Post last night that she and her family were shocked and bitterly disappointed by Tzur's decision. She condemned the fact that she and her husband were left in such suspense for eight months, especially since they had been given to understand by third parties that the

mittee considered the fact that Tzur had repaid all of the embezzled funds and was a model prisoner. He had proposed a detailed plan on prison industries and helped educate and rehabilitate other prisoners. The committee also took into account a dissenting opinion in Tzur's appeal to the High Court which recommended that he be sentenced to nine years. Tzur said that he rejected the committee's recommendation because the public interest is paramount. "At this stage, despite the weighty considerations of the committee, such a reduction is not justified and at least early," he said. Ruth Tzur, the prisoner's wife, told The Jerusalem Post last night that she and her family were shocked and bitterly disappointed by Tzur's decision. She condemned the fact that she and her husband were left in such suspense for eight months, especially since they had been given to understand by third parties that the

UJA man in consortium to build airbases

By DAVID LANDAU Post Diplomatic Correspondent A prominent American Jewish philanthropist and longtime UJA and Jewish Agency leader, Raymond Epstein of Chicago, is one of a consortium of three builders who has won the U.S. Corps of Engineers tender to supervise construction of the two new Negev airfields.

The selection board comprised senior U.S. army and air force engineers and civilian experts. The contract, worth in Epstein's estimation some \$20m-30m, will involve "management, direction, supervision and coordination" of building the airfields, to be located near Beer-sheva and Eilat. Yesterday Epstein held a first working session in Tel Aviv with senior U.S. officers, including Colonel Gillick, who has ongoing responsibility for the airfields project. Joe Robbins, president of Pope, Evans and Robbins, is expected in Israel shortly to participate in the talks too. Epstein, Robbins, and a senior partner of the Lester B. Knight firm are required to oversee personally

their companies' work on the airfields project. They will have a key say in the kind of design eventually selected, and will control the construction work from start to finish. Yesterday morning, Epstein was in Jerusalem for meetings with Jewish Agency chairman Arye Duhin on UJA-Agency business. Construction of the airbases will begin this summer and then will be operational in three years, according to a corps of engineers spokesman. The bases will replace two military airbases in the Sinai desert that Israel is relinquishing under terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. The corps of engineers will select the design/construction contractors later this month.

Haga unit commander shot dead

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter A Civil Defence (Haga) soldier, apparently upset over being court-martialed on Monday, yesterday shot and killed his commander and wounded two of his colleagues in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda district. The dead man was identified by a police spokesman as Yosef Ben-Naim. According to information given to The Jerusalem Post, the incident began at 6:15 a.m. when Eli Arulal, 60, of Jerusalem, walked into the Mahane Yehuda police post, which also serves his Haga unit as a base. Arulal signed for an UzI sub-machinegun. Carrying the weapon, Arulal left the post and crossed Jaffa Street. At the corner of Rehov Yehudit, he spotted his commander, Capt. Ben-Naim, getting out of a car. Arulal opened fire, fatally wounding the officer, The Post was told. Arulal thereupon backtracked and returned to the post, it was reported. At the police post he fired at another officer, named only as "Victor," but missed, inadvertently hitting two of his fellow soldiers, Eviyon Ben-Horin and Kalman Friedman. Arulal was overpowered and disarmed by other soldiers in the building, but succeeded in escaping his captors, fleeing down one of the market's alleyways, sources told The Post. Jerusalem police, immediately after the shooting, launched a massive manhunt, involving border policemen, in the Mahane Yehuda area. Arulal initially evaded his pursuers, but finally gave himself up near a Hoek on Ussalshke Street. The two wounded soldiers were rushed to Shaare Zedek Hospital where they underwent surgery. Ben-Horin was still on the critical list last night. Friedman was declared "out of danger" and is recovering in the surgical ward. Ben-Naim was pronounced dead at the hospital. On Monday, Arulal had been tried by his commander for falling on the previous night to show up for guard duty. Military police are investigating the incident, which comes under military jurisdiction.

Jets strike to keep terrorists off balance

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent As Israel Air Force jets struck again for the third consecutive day in Lebanon, it became clear that the goal of the raids is to harass the terrorists into maintaining an around-the-clock, seven-day-a-week alert. The idea is to hinder their ability to operate, train and move supplies, and to systematically destroy their military infrastructure. The air force launched two attacks yesterday, one at 11 a.m. against concentrations south of the Zaharani River, and the second at 5 p.m. at Kaf Riham, 18 km. north of Metulla. During the past three days the air force has hit what the army spokesman called terrorist training camps and facilities. He said the attacks were in the extreme north of Lebanon, the central sector and twice in the south. The attacks were consistent with Israel's policy regarding the terrorists set forth in a statement made by Defence Minister Ezer

Weizman, after the Nabariya attack on April 22. Weizman said the terrorists would be hit "at any time and at any place Israel deems desirable," and not only in response to any particular terrorist attack. The attacks are also expected to have a demoralising effect on recruits. The raids are designed to bring the war to the terrorists' doorstep, and thus pre-empt their attempts to bring the war to Israel. In order to keep the terrorists on the alert, it seems that Israel would couple the air attacks with other tactics. Israel's initial reaction to the Nabariya incident was remarkably restrained — the naval bombardment of a camp belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine which accepted responsibility for the raid — and observers here at the time expected that no further response would be forthcoming as long as the terrorists were on their guard. Observers here last night said that

they were not surprised that Israel had decided virtually to ignore the warnings from Washington on the Lebanese situation. It is the general view here that no serious pressure was or will be applied, and that the Syrians will limit their response to making conventional remarks in international forums. There is no clear estimate here yet of how much physical damage has been caused to the terrorists over the past three days, but it is not thought to be extensive. But the attacks were launched as much for the psychological effect on the terrorist movements as to inflict damage. Yesterday's attacks were short. The area between the Litani and the Zaharani Rivers, attacked yesterday, currently contains most of the terrorist forces who moved out of Southern Lebanon after the Litani Operation in March 1978. The village of Riham, which was attacked on Monday, is used as an exit point for raids against Israel.

Beirut Christians discuss Begin plan

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies Lebanon's Christian militia leaders were due to meet in East Beirut last night to discuss Premier Menachem Begin's call on President Elias Sarkis to sign a peace treaty with Israel. Results of the meeting are expected to be known today. A number of Christian leaders were reported to have been in contact with Sarkis, who is a Christian. Begin's peace offer was swiftly rejected by Lebanon's Muslim Premier Selim al-Hoss on Monday night. Hoss is known to be closely associated with Sarkis. Three Beirut newspapers yesterday rejected Begin's offer, as Israeli planes struck deep into Lebanon for the third consecutive day in operations against terrorist bases. The independent "A-Shaab" said that Sarkis himself would turn down Begin's invitation to come to Jerusalem. "He will make him un-

derstand that he is not accustomed to visiting those whose hands are stained with blood," the newspaper said. The daily "A-Safir" said that Begin's peace bid was aimed at undermining the Arah front opposed to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, as well as at "exploding Lebanon from within." The pro-Syrian "A-Sharq" said that Begin's peace offer was a "mere trap which cannot even deceive the naive." In Damascus, Syria's government newspaper "Tishrin" said that the Israeli move was the beginning of an Israeli-Egyptian conspiracy to undermine Arah opponents. The newspaper said Begin's offer was the beginning of an onslaught by the parties of the Camp David accord to undermine Arah rejection of the agreement and the subsequent peace treaty. Meanwhile, Lebanon's am-

bassador to the UN, Ghassan Tweini, has urged the Security Council to give UN peace-keeping troops in Southern Lebanon more power to thwart the self-rule declared there by dissident militia leader, Major Sa'ad Haddad. "The time has now come for the Security Council to give the UN Truce Supervision Commission (UNTSF) the means of carrying out its mission to the end, forcefully, with confidence and assured success," Tweini said. Tweini said that Israel's financing, training and control of the Christian militia leader was "a menace...which prevented progress towards the restoration of Lebanese national unity, sovereignty and political independence." Contrary to press reports, Tweini did not request an emergency meeting by the council, which was said to be conducting private talks on the mandate of UNIFIL.

Islamic conference bars Egypt

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies Egypt was excluded last night from the Islamic conference which opened in the Moroccan holy city of Fez, in Morocco. Foreign ministers of 12 Muslim nations are taking part in the meeting, commenced today in an agenda of 80 subjects headed by the planning of a pan-Islamic strategy towards "Palestine and Jerusalem." A preparatory committee had earlier approved a move by a number of Arab states to "suspend" Egypt's membership for having walked out on its Arab allies to sign "a separate" peace treaty with Israel. Egypt condemned as "sabotage" the move to bar its delegates from attending the meeting. A Cairo Foreign Ministry statement also said that Egypt had received official word from Morocco

that the plane carrying Egypt's delegation to the gathering of Islamic foreign ministers would not be allowed to land. The Egyptian statement was issued in response to Monday's initial decision by the Islamic Conference preparatory committee to suspend Egypt from the organization. Alleging that the move violated the conference constitution, the Foreign Ministry declared: "Nothing in the constitution permits the suspension of the membership of any country." Conference member countries involved in the suspension would have to bear responsibility for "this frivolous action," it said. Such a decision against one of the main pillars of Islam in the World can only weaken the Islamic gathering and sabotage the united Islamic path," it declared. Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil said yesterday that the exclusion of

Egypt from the conference would be "illegal...and contrary to the charter of that group of nations." In a memorandum to the foreign ministers meeting, Egypt called for an Islamic summit next month in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, to discuss the issue of East Jerusalem. The message, published yesterday in the semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said: "Peace cannot be achieved in the Middle East without the return of Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty." The memorandum was one of two which were handed on Monday to Islamic conference envoy Yousef Sella, who came to Cairo to persuade Egypt not to attend the meeting, the Foreign Ministry said. Egypt was quoted by "Al-Ahram" as saying that it condemned what was described as Israel's attempt to change Jerusalem's historic features.

Says Cairo won't be diverted from peace path Sadat: Boycott of Egypt to be 'history' by next year

CAIRO (AP). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat predicted yesterday that the Arab boycott of Egypt over the peace treaty with Israel "will all be history" by next year. The Egyptian leader, speaking to a group of approximately 100 U.S. and Egyptian businessmen in his country's resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh, said that despite the "shouting" of Arab opponents Egypt would not be swayed from seeking peace. He added that despite the break in diplomatic relations by 17 Arab nations and Iran "we shall continue to give the peace process every momentum possible — every day if we can." Sadat compared the five-week-old Arab boycott with a military and economic embargo by the Soviet Union following the 1978 Middle East war. Even though Egypt's economy was "below zero" and 90 per cent of his trade was with the Soviets, Sadat said "I fought my battle and won." Frank Considine, co-chairman of the U.S.-Egypt Business Council, told Sadat that there was "some concern" by potential investors about the impact of the boycott and asked what would happen to joint U.S.-

Egyptian businesses that wished to do business with the Arab world. Sadat responded that "we shall face our fate and we shall fight our battle...but I think all this even if it accelerates this year, by next year it will all be history." He was attempting to make a peace treaty with American investment and show what we can do to assist the economy through private enterprise," Considine told reporters after the meeting. Included in the delegation were some representatives from big-name U.S. firms such as Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Anoco, Allis-Chalmers, National Can and General Electric. Some businessmen said privately, however, that doubts remained about how far the Arab opponents of the peace treaty would go with economic sanctions. They are particularly concerned that joint U.S.-Egyptian ventures would be banned from exporting to the Arab world and that parent firms might also be boycotted. However, Considine said that the "signals we are getting indicate these things are not planned" and he said he did not believe they would be imposed in the future.

Arafat vows to storm Begin office

BEIRUT. — Yasser Arafat yesterday vowed a prolonged war against Israel that would end only when PLO terrorists overrun Prime Minister Menachem Begin's offices in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Speaking at a hideout south of Beirut, Arafat also urged foreign ministers of Islamic countries meeting in the Moroccan town of Fez to take collective sanctions against Israel. The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization accused Israel of using American-made cluster bombs against Palestinian and Lebanese targets in three days of air raids in Northern and Southern Lebanon. Arafat lashed at Begin's statement that Jerusalem was Israel's eternal capital. "I am confident that we shall eventually overrun Begin's own offices. Jerusalem is destined to be the eternal capital of our sovereign, independent Palestinian state under the PLO leadership," Arafat screamed. He said Palestinians were ready to defend oil-rich Arab states against any American military intervention and that he was confident all Arab oilfields would be set ablaze before the Persian Gulf region. Arafat described Sadat as "the traitor who landed at history's garbage can" and said he was certain a young Egyptian army officer would soon overthrow the regime.

No headway for Begin's immigration plan

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Knesset Reporter Prime Minister Menachem Begin made no headway yesterday in drumming up support for his plan to put the Jewish Agency in charge of immigration absorption. He advocated the switch at two separate meetings in the Knesset building. In the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee, which is chaired by his vociferous critic, Goula Cohen, a large majority merged the switch at two separate meetings in the Knesset building. This majority backed the views of Absorption Minister (and now Housing Minister) David Levy, who belongs to the same Herut party as Cohen and Begin. Levy, who spoke at the committee meeting, said he would refuse to head the planned absorption authority, if it were set up — as Begin has already asked — if the authority did not get responsibility for carrying out the work of absorption. Begin wants the agency's absorption department to be responsible for carrying out the work. Levy said the Jewish Agency already failed once at the task of absorption, and that the new plan would lead to a repudiation of that failure. Later, in a meeting of the Herut wing of the Likud, Begin encountered still stiffer opposition. He rebuked the Herut wing for presuming to emunon the meeting to discuss the issue, saying it had no right to do so, and no status in the matter of transferring administrative responsibilities. "This province should be left to the government alone," Begin said. Begin said that if Levy wanted to appeal the government's plan to give absorption back to the Jewish Agency, he should have done so months ago, when the idea first emerged. At this, Levy interrupted briefly to point out that he was not appealing now either. Apart from that comment, he did not utter one word at the Herut meeting. Several Herut MKs said they opposed putting the Jewish Agency in charge of absorption again, because the government and the Knesset would be prevented from exercising proper supervision. Their firebrand Goula Cohen opened loud onslaught on Begin, accusing him of trying to browbeat his fellow Herut members, so as to put them on the defensive, and blunt their criticism of his policies. "Why do you come here to rebuke us?" she asked the premier. "I am not rebuking anybody. Take

that word back," Begin snapped back. "I shall not take anything back. You do it all the time," she went on. This annoyed coalition chairman Haim Corfu, who interrupted her to ask: "Since when do we need you to guide us?" Cohen: "I have done more for Zionist education than all your Herut movement put together. I left home at the age of 16 to join the underground. And anyway, Corfu, why do you serve as Begin's keeper of the seal? Why do you serve as his lightning conductor? He can take care of himself." Corfu: "What did you do in the underground anyway? All you did was talk. You were only a radio announcer, after all. I was out there planting mines and booby traps while you were talking." Cohen: "That's not true, I went out on operations. I was wounded. I was taken prisoner and tried and imprisoned. I did my bit. How low can you sink, Corfu?" The Herut wing agreed not to hold a vote on the absorption issue but instead to wait till after today's top-level meeting between Cabinet representatives and Jewish Agency heads. (Date — page 3)

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The dead vines on Ja'abari Hill stand out against Kiryat Arba, pictured in the background. The vines on the hill, some 550 in all, were cut down systematically by electric saw two weeks ago, in an apparent protest against a government decision not to allow Kiryat Arba settlers to build on the hill. Related stories, pages 3. (Reuters)

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Dan O'Connor, Professor of Archaeology at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, will speak on "The Development of the Lamp in Ancient Israel"

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

DEPARTURES

MK Sarah Stern-Katan, executive member of the National Religious Women's Organization, to the U.S., to participate in the annual conference at the American sister organization...

Eitan will leave for Cairo Sunday

Post Military Correspondent Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan is scheduled to leave for Cairo next Sunday for a three-day visit. He will probably be accompanied by O.C. Military Intelligence, Aluf Yehoshua Saguy.

Jerusalem ceremony ends Hapoel Games

Jerusalem Post Reporter The 11th International Hapoel Games ended last night with a ceremony at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma for the games' participants and spectators.

TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY The lecture of Abba Eban, M.K. on "Israel's International Relations in an Era of Peace" scheduled to be held tomorrow, May 10, 1979 at Tel Aviv University IS POSTPONED to Sunday, May 20, 1979 at 8.30 p.m. at the Bar-Shira Auditorium, Tel Aviv University.

HOME NEWS

Beer during the day, but no ladies of the night

American sailors ashore — a Haifa love story

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — The ten-day visit by the 6,000 sailors of the U.S. Sixth Fleet's aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower and escort freighter USS South Carolina is turning into a love affair. Haifa residents have taken the men to their hearts and many to their homes for coffee or a family meal, and the warmth is reciprocated.

Something of a revival for the port-side bars. Even bars that usually only open at noon are welcoming sailors starting in the early morning. A group of the men were already at a small waterside drinking place early yesterday morning, enjoying bottles of local beer, chased by an occasional bourbon.

around to make sure all was well and then sat smoking a quiet cigarette. "The shore patrol doesn't drink when on duty," the barmaid, who has become an expert on U.S. navy practice, explained.

They make no secret about how much they love Israeli friendliness, which they say, is a great change compared to many other ports, where American navy men "are welcomed only for the money they can rip off us."



The Ramat Eshkol commercial centre was turned into a music arcade yesterday when the Mike Westbrook Jazz Band set up outside a local bank and entertained passersby. One youngster was apparently hit taken aback by the unfamiliar sight of street musicians. When he began crying, the band's clarinetist (foreground) knelt to soothe for the toddler. (Rahamim Israeli)

Police still seek 5 men in Bank Leumi robbery

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The police are still searching for five men involved in the hold-up at Bank Leumi in Ramat Aviv last Thursday. Police believe that two groups of people participated in the robbery: one, consisting of four men, broke into the bank, fired shots and threw grenades at bank employees and bystanders, and escaped in a Subaru car; the other group, consisting of three people, waited for their friends in another car to distract the police.

or was one of the others who waited in the second car. Heral Avitan, who was arrested by the police about 20 minutes after the robbery, was called by Bornstein "a robber." A fresh scratch was found on Avitan's leg and the police believe it came from glass from the bank's broken windows.

2 no-confidence votes today in Knesset

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Knesset Reporter Defence Minister Ezer Weizman will reply in the Knesset today to two motions of no-confidence in the government, which were presented by the Alignment and Shai factions over the release of 76 Arab terrorists in return for one Israeli reserve soldier.

by MKs Yehuda Ben-Meir, Eliezer Avtahi and Benzion Rubin. Alignment chief Shimon Peres said his faction should have a free vote on both matters, since they involved questions of conscience. He urged all other factions to permit their members the same freedom.

VANCE ON MIDEAST

(Continued from page one) probably be called upon to try to fill the gap. Vance was testifying, the State Department announced that the secretary was moving up his departure date for the Middle East to May 23 in order to spend three days in Israel and Egypt in advance of the return of El-Arish to Egypt on May 27.

early stage in these negotiations. He expressed his hope and "expectation," however, that Israel and Egypt would demonstrate flexibility as the talks continue.

He compared the situation of Israel's academic institutions with those of Egypt, Syria and Iraq where, said Craspek, budgets had grown rather than diminished in real terms and where the number of students had grown annually in recent years.

Hebrew U. rector slams budget cuts

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter The 41st Annual meeting of the Hebrew University's board of governors opened last night with university rector Gidon Craspek, condemning the heads of all the country's universities for only "weakly protesting against" the massive erosion in university teachers' salaries in recent years.

Panel to study police-brutality claims

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir yesterday announced that he and Interior and Police Minister Yosef Burg had agreed that the committee should examine public complaints against police brutality, and would also make recommendations regarding future investigation and treatment of such complaints.

Aviv District Prosecutor Sarah Siroti and Police Comptroller Shmuel Eitan, is to deliver its report within a month. The two will be authorized to examine any documents they wish and take statements from any individuals connected with the issues.

Talks start: civil servants end strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter The government and the Civil Servants' Union resume negotiations this morning as 40,000 employees return to work following a three-day strike.

increases, abolition of grades lower than grade eight in the uniform pay scale and faster promotions. Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Friedman told The Post that he is willing to discuss the workers' demands, but "if they present the same demands (in the form of an ultimatum) — the meeting will be very short."

Vatican vows to keep Capucci in line

By DAVID LANDAU Post Diplomatic Correspondent The Vatican has renewed its pledge to Israel that Archbishop Hilarión Capucci will keep out of the Middle East and will refrain from any damaging actions against Israel.

He was later freed upon his own and the Holy See's solemn assurance that he would leave the area and no longer involve himself in its political affairs.

Housing rally blames gov't for shortage

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter Several years ago, Israel Katz would have received a standing ovation, today the minister of labour and social affairs would be kicked off the stage, said one participant yesterday at a housing shortage rally.

copies who have not made use of their housing rights," said Gabi Wechsler, one of the conference organizers. "But in reality, about one-third of the country's population has some sort of housing problem."

Yitzhak Rager mooted for Bonds presidency

Jerusalem Post Reporter Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has proposed the appointment of Yitzhak Rager to the post of president of the Israel Bond Organization in New York.

York for a series of meetings with the board of directors of Israel Bonds, after which a final decision on his appointment will be taken.

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Our beloved father and grandfather MICHAEL SOLOMON MILLER passed away in Sydney, Australia, on May 8, 1979. Son and Daughter-in-Law: Leo and Naomi Miller Daughter and Son-in-Law: Rivka and Nathan Ismach and grandchildren

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our dear GIDEON PREMINGER there will be a memorial service and unweaving of the tombstone in the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery on Monday, May 14, 1979, at 8 p.m.

His wife, Michaela Daughter Karin-Fanny Parents Dr. Nissen and Emilie Preminger Mother-in-law Gaby Kommer

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my dear husband, our father, brother and grandfather Dr. HAROLD SCHILLER The funeral was held on Sunday, May 6, 1979, in Beersheba cemetery. The mourners: Wife, Alice Son, Daughter-in-Law and Grandchildren Don, and Deborah Schiller, Judah, Noah, Aaron Daughter, Son-in-Law and Grandchildren Arna and Avi Peretz, Simona, Shai, Gail, Keren Brothers and Sister, Albert, Joseph and Beatrice and all the family in Israel and abroad

My dear husband, our father and grandfather ARIEH SHERMAN from Eriak has passed away at the age of 63. The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, May 9, 1979 at 3.15 p.m. leaving from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Daphne St., Tel Aviv for the cemetery in Holon. Transportation will be available. The family will sit Shiva at Beit Sherman, 76 Ahad Ha'am St., Tel Aviv. The bereaved families: Ruth Sherman (Barfield) Rachel and Dror Munnar Ozna and Amnon Zivoni Irene Barfield Granddaughter and family and friends in Israel and abroad

Settlers won't cooperate with shooting inquiries

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish West Bank settlers said yesterday they will not cooperate with police investigating shooting incidents in which they are involved because the army abandons them to attacks by Arab stone-throwers.

Rafel Ben-Bassat, who was involved in a clash with Arab demonstrators at Bir Zeit on Independence Day, told a press conference organized by the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. "This is just like the (British) Mandate days. Arab rioters attack, the army stands off, and the police investigate diligently." The settlers maintained they fired into the air, in strict accordance with standing military government instructions.

Yoram Adler of Ma'aleh Adumim described how soldiers at a military roadblock near Beit El had only warned motorists who were in danger of being stoned to close their car windows. When his car was attacked near the Jalasun refugee camp, Adler complained, the soldiers refused to accompany him in pursuit of the offenders.

A few minutes later the policemen drove off, so Adler and his friends entered the village. "Approached the building (from where the stones were allegedly thrown), picked up stones and smashed a few windows," he added.

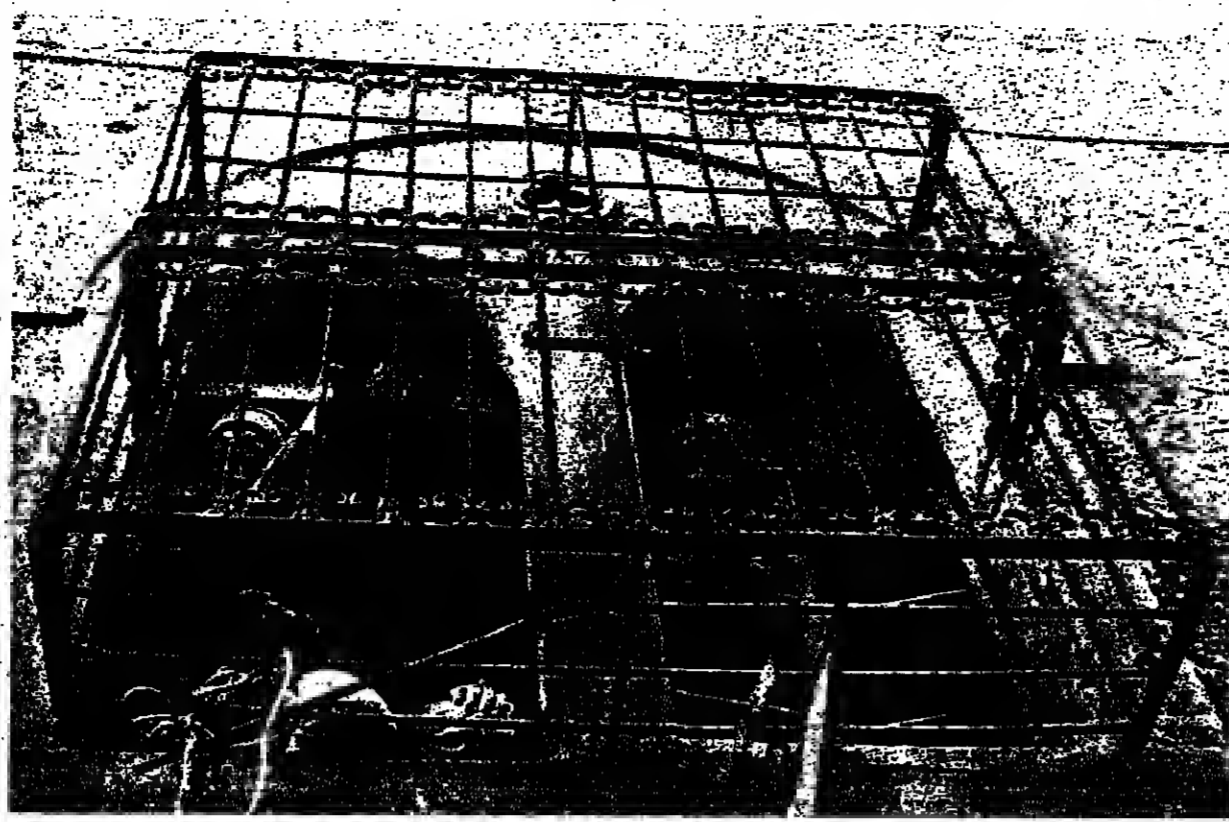
A written statement by the council quoted soldiers as having said on March 12, when a bus was attacked: "We will be court-martialed if we even fire warning shots."

The Defence Ministry and IDF spokesmen declined to comment.

The settlers also revealed that the military government had issued them with arms. Ben-Bassat said he was given new bullets after he had emptied his magazine at the Bir Zeit clash.

Standing instructions, say the settlers, may fire into the air when stoned. Ben-Bassat reported. In grave danger, they may shoot at the attackers' legs. "Yitzhak Sapir of Ma'aleh Adumim added.

Ben-Bassat repeatedly denied having shot anyone or seen anyone hit at the Bir Zeit incident, where a military student, Ra'ed Douad, was struck in the chest by a bullet.



Women occupying the Hadassah building in Hebron yesterday look down from barred windows. (Zoom 77)

Hebron squatters will not budge; vow to 'wipe out shame of 1929'

By IAN BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The women and children from Kiryat Arba who have been occupying the Hadassah building in Hebron for the last two weeks plan to offer "passive resistance" to any attempt to evacuate them and have sworn not to return to Kiryat Arba.

A spokesman for the group, Miriam Levinger, wife of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that she and the others — some 20 women and 30 children — had come to "wipe out the shame of 1929."

(A sizable Jewish community lived in the town until the riots and massacre of that year, and left a good deal of property behind.)

Leaving out of a barred first floor window overlooking the busy street below — and often shouting to overcome the roar of passing traffic — Levinger asserted that as long as Jewish presence in the area was confined to Kiryat Arba, such a massacre could happen again.

If the women were forcibly evacuated, she said, they would stay put "wherever they put us" to re-establish a Jewish presence in the town.

Three of the women in the building are in advanced stages of pregnancy and it would be difficult to make them leave without endangering their health.

No decision on evacuating them is likely before next Sunday's cabinet meeting. *The Post* learned yesterday from well-informed sources. The demonstrators had been told they would be moved out at 4 p.m. on Monday, but the deadline passed without any action taken.

There seemed little chance yesterday that the women would respond to Prime Minister Menahem Begin's appeal earlier this week to end their occupation of the building.

Levinger, occasionally breaking into her native English to make a point, insisted that she had nothing to fear from the Arabs of Hebron (who are furious over what they consider a provocative demonstration). She said that she used to be mere afraid in the streets of New York.

Security measures were heavy around the dilapidated building yesterday; all photography was forbidden. Levinger and a number of other women interrupted their dialogue with *The Post* occasionally to greet well-wishers from Jerusalem and Kiryat Arba.

One woman from Jerusalem, who brought a package of toys to help occupy the children inside the building, described the sit-in as "a wonderful act" and hived kisses at the toddlers peeping out of the windows.

The occupants are supplied with food once a day from Kiryat Arba and have showers, a refrigerator, mattresses, curtains and a chemical toilet. The military government gives them water. Last week an American tourist contributed IL15,000 towards their upkeep.

On the other hand, one Kiryat Arba source revealed, school books and film for cameras are not allowed into the building. The prohibition against film, the source suspected, was to prevent the printing of a commemorative album, whatever the final outcome of the Hadassah sit-in.

Streets around the world to be named 'Jerusalem'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Marseilles, Brussels, Basel, Colorado Springs, Mexico City and over 40 other foreign cities will name streets and squares "Jerusalem" in honor of Jerusalem Day on May 24.

In coordination with the government and the Jerusalem Municipality, the World Zionist Organization is attempting for the first time to establish Jerusalem Day — marking the reunification of the city 12 years ago — as an accepted Jewish holiday in the Diaspora.

Activities will take place in 205 cities spread across 24 countries around the world, according to WZO Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin, who spoke to reporters yesterday. In addition, some cities will send gifts of books to the Jerusalem municipal library, encourage Jewish families to display symbols of Jerusalem and organize assemblies.

The WZO views the effort as urgent in the light of coming diplomatic steps which will demand that the unity of Jerusalem as Israel's capital be stressed.

A total of \$30,000 will be spent by all WZO departments on organizing and publicizing the celebrations. The bulk will come out of the coffers of local Zionist federations abroad.

In Paris, students will be invited to the Sorbonne to hear a lecture on Jewish history about Jerusalem. In Sao Paulo, an official Jerusalem Day reception will be held at the parliament. Prime Minister Menahem Begin will take part in a mass assembly organized by Herut in London. Israeli dances and songs will be performed at celebrations in Mexico City.

Jerusalem Day, proclaimed by the WZO and the municipality as a "Jewish national holiday" last November, falls this year on a Friday. So that the Sabbath is not "desecrated," events will be moved up to Wednesday night and Thursday, May 23-24. Among the events planned for Jerusalem itself are a mass assembly at the Western Wall, a Jerusalem quiz, a special concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, a tour of Jerusalem for 5,000 new olim, and an IDF Orchestra concert in the Old City.

Labour tense as open clash erupts between Rabin, Peres

By SARAH HORIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tension in the Labour Party was still high yesterday after a split between party chairman Shimon Peres and former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin flared into the open Monday.

The two main figures in the party clashed over an invitation by Interim Minister Burg to participate in discussions on the government's West Bank autonomy plan.

The two arch-rivals took swipes at each other in the Knesset on Monday during a meeting of the party's political forum. Peres said the invitations should be turned down, and Rabin said he had accepted the invitation and told the meeting that Labour should address the autonomy issue "with a bit more realism."

Zadok said he had not yet decided whether to go to the proposed meeting.

TA plans crackdown on illegal building

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv municipality is conducting a survey this week and next in preparation for a crackdown on illegal buildings and parts of buildings all over the city, a source close to Mayor Shlomo Lahat told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The source said there are thousands of cases of illegal construction in the city, and about 100 known cases of squatting on others' land.

The municipality and police were rapped by the press last month, when it was rumoured that eight instances of illegal construction occurred during Passah in a municipal area near the prestigious Bavli quarter. The area was intended for a park and public buildings, but houses a few dozen families who squatted there during the 1960s and have never left.

Reports that the municipality and Soli Bonah were about to offer the illegal lodgers large sums of compensation may have inspired the sudden spurt of illegal building, it was charged. The city was accused by MK Mercazbal Vireubaki (Shal), among others, of taking no measures on the buildings for fear of angering the public.

Municipal emergency services manager Shalom Harari told *The Post* the surveys are being conducted to enable speedy action, including demolition. "But we can only act on a court order to evacuate or demolish a building or part of a building, and it's a long process," he added, explaining that at least 50 separate complaints are brought to court each month, and most are confirmed.

But other municipal sources told *The Post* yesterday that many demolition orders are not acted upon by the municipality. "Usually only illegal buildings erected on public property, someone else's property or buildings erected for business purposes are demolished," the source said.

MUGGING. — A 76-year-old Tel Aviv woman was robbed late Monday night on her way home, after closing the Mifal Hapayot stand she runs. Two youths reportedly grabbed her bag and ran off, getting away with about IL5,000 in cash and lottery tickets.

Dulzin proposes firing one-third of aliya staff under new authority

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

It's supreme aliya and absorption authority is established, 30 per cent of the workers in the Absorption Ministry and the Jewish Agency's aliya department should be dismissed and the rest should be retained to work in the new authority, Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin said yesterday.

The ministry's works committee, meanwhile, has threatened to call a one-day strike of all 500 employees if Prime Minister Menahem Begin refuses to meet with their representatives before Sunday's cabinet meeting.

Begin heads a nine-member committee, consisting of four ministers and four Agency representatives, which will meet today to hammer out a proposal for an aliya and absorption authority. The proposal will be presented to the cabinet next Sunday.

Last Sunday Begin tabled in the cabinet his proposal to establish an authority nominally headed by a minister but controlled by the Agency. The proposal was strongly opposed by a majority of the cabinet, thus forcing the prime minister to delay the government decision.

At his meeting with reporters in Jerusalem yesterday, Dulzin said that a committee composed of representatives of the works committee and of the Histadrut should be assigned to sift out the best from among the approximately 1,500 employees from the Absorption Ministry and the agency's aliya department.

Dulzin asserted that all those who will be let go would receive the compensation to which they are entitled. "The committee will be fair," and there will be no "bloodshed," Dulzin stated.

Senior officials of the ministry came out publicly for the first time yesterday in opposition to Begin's proposed authority. In a letter to the premier and the entire cabinet, the officials (headed by Shmuel Shinar, a deputy director-general, and Aharon Amit, the director of absorption services) stated that the government cannot unload its responsibility for olim on a non-state body. They called Begin's proposal a "step backward to 30 years ago," and called on the premier to establish a single state authority that would concentrate all aspects of aliya and absorption in one place.

In issuing the strike threat, Yuval Rogansky, deputy chairman of the ministry's works committee, said, "Unless he (Begin) hears our side of the story, we will strike and demonstrate outside the premier's office." Knesset Aliya and Absorption Committee chairman Geula Cohen has already consented to allow them to speak before the committee.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister's office said that an appointment with the works committee representatives would be made "within a few days." The spokesman added that "because of the premier's crowded schedule, it was not certain whether the meeting would take place" before the deadline set by the committee.

"The Knesset Aliya and Absorption Committee will apparently support by a wide margin Levy's proposal for a state-controlled authority. The absorption minister appeared before the committee yesterday and presented his viewpoint.

After hearing the Jewish Agency's side on Thursday, the committee will take a vote and send its recommendations to the premier.

Knesset calls for ending wage linkage agreements

Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday called on the government, the Histadrut and trade unions not to include in future wage agreements any clause linking the wages of one group of workers to those of another.

The resolution was presented by Gustav Badian (Likud-Liberals), and it was supported by the Likud, the Democratic Movement, Shal and Agudat Yisrael. It was opposed by the Alignment, the Democratic Front, and Shell.

Yesterday's discussion grew out of a motion for the agenda presented last December by Badian on the linkage of the salaries of non-engineers to those of engineers. Badian is a former president of the Engineers Union.

The resolution he presented yesterday noted that the Barkai Committee, jointly appointed in October 1975 by the government and the Histadrut, found that wage linkage was formally introduced in Israel in April 1958, when teachers' salaries were linked to those of the engineers.

From that modest beginning, the wages of 225,610 public workers were linked to some other group by May 1978, when the Barkai Committee submitted its report. (By now, Badian said, the figure has risen to 400,000.)

Yesterday's resolution also noted that the Barkai Committee called for the practice of wage linkage "undecidable both from the economic viewpoint and from the social." The resolution further noted that when the committee was appointed, both the government and the Histadrut undertook to implement its recommendations.

"The Knesset states with regret that this undertaking has not been carried out and the formal linkage procedure in wage agreements in the public service still prevails and has even grown," the resolution declared.

It further blamed the linkage system for the "wasteful" labour relations in the public service, which are expressed in a perpetual ferment among groups of workers, and in sanctions and strikes.

Wage linkage, the resolution said, prevents the basing of wages on training, output, productivity, and the worker's contribution to the place of work and to the economy.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yoram Mesbel (Alignment-Labour), speaking in the debate, pooh-poohed Badian's denunciation of wage linkage as dealing with a mere "technical" matter. Linkage or non-linkage could solve nothing, certainly not at a time of galloping inflation, he said.

Mesbel said that he would never accept the argument — if it should be advanced by the government — that it was unwilling to give the engineers a pay rise because groups linked to the engineers would then demand the same. But, on the other hand, the Engineers Union had no right to prevent other unions from winning the same increase.

Avraham Sharir (Likud-Liberals) said that linkage of wages should be prohibited by law. Linkage was the ruin of the Israeli economy. It was an incentive to backwardness and idleness and an obstacle to improving efficiency. The Histadrut was fulfilling a negative function by encouraging linkage. Sharir declared.

Gaza mayor due to meet Arafat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawwa left yesterday for Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. During his trip, he is expected to meet with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat to discuss the forthcoming autonomy negotiations between Egypt and Israel.

Shawwa has been the only leader in the administered territories to express qualified support for President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative. He has also been careful to remain on good terms with both Jordan and the PLO.

The mayor's visit, coming on the eve of the autonomy talks (due to open on May 27) could be of extreme importance in deciding the future of the scheme.

If Shawwa does agree to participate in the talks, it would be a first step towards what many observers have been predicting will be their eventual outcome — the implementation of autonomy in the Gaza Strip only.

The mayor's daughter, who is currently in Gaza on a visit from England, said that her father expected to be away between a week and 10 days. She described her father's mood as "pessimistic."

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Ramot road must be open—official

Post Knesset Reporter

The Ramot road is a main highway which the government, the municipality of Jerusalem and the police must ensure stay open every day of the year, the Knesset Interior Committee resolved yesterday.

The committee approved the recommendations of the municipal committee on the problem of the controversial Ramot road, which Mayor Teddy Kolek has already endorsed. It praised the efforts of the police to keep the road open and safe for traffic. In recent months cars using the road on Sabbath have been stoned by religious extremists.

The Interior Committee lauded the municipality's promise that traffic to the planned sports stadium at Shu'fat would not use the road at any time.

Mekorot's electricity credit rate hiked

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Electric Corporation and Mekorot have reached an agreement on credit for the water company's electricity supply, but the new credit arrangement could mean higher water prices.

Representatives from the two companies met yesterday in Jerusalem to work out a new credit arrangement, after the electric company threatened to cut Mekorot's credit from 52 days to 20. The company said that because of inflation, each day of credit results in financial loss.

The two concerns agreed to an initial 30-day credit period, with one day of credit cut each month until the period stands at 20 days.

The new credit arrangement for the electricity to power Mekorot's pumps could result in higher price or a limited supply of water, company sources said.

Currently farmers get 105 days credit from Mekorot for their water, but the company may reduce that arrangement to 85 days, or possibly raise the 22 per cent interest rate currently demanded from farmers.

Milk drivers put the squeeze on Haifa

By MARY HIRSCHFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Milk distribution in Haifa, which has been scrappy for the past few weeks, stopped altogether yesterday. Drivers refused to deliver because the local Tnuva dairy could supply them with only 20 per cent of the usual quantity.

Tnuva spokesman Mordechai Hofstaetter told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the shortage was due to sanctions by the 13 workers at the dairy's filling department. They started a slow-down over a month ago, when their demands for higher salaries and bonus payments were rejected by Tnuva management.

Hofstaetter explained that distribution was not immediately affected because large quantities were available from other Tnuva dairies. "But demand always increases in summer," he said. "Whatever we can gather now is not enough any more."

Milk distributors have complained of harassment by store owners and the public, as they run shorter of supplies by the day, the spokesman added.

Meshel-Ehrlich meeting in works

Post Economic Reporter

Quiet negotiations are under way to set up a meeting between Finance Minister Simba Ehrlich and Histadrut Secretary-General Yoram Mesbel, after the two verbally clashed last week.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the meeting could take place late this week, after Meshel returns from Brussels. He leaves today for the Belgian capital where he is to attend a conference as vice-president of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

"The Histadrut will most likely ask Ehrlich to rework tax brackets from a 70 per cent linkage to inflation, to a 100 per cent linkage. It will also ask for tax cuts for increased worker productivity.

For its part, the labour federation appears ready to agree to a Treasury demand for special contracts for workers, especially in the tax collection service.

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JERRY BROWN ON THE BANDWAGON

By T.B. REID/Washington

energy policies. The governor's expedition to Washington, in contrast, was a command performance. The rally organizers worked hard to get Brown to come before a crowd estimated at 35,000 to 40,000 that roared its approval of Brown's policy of opposition to nuclear energy.

The rally was longer before Brown addressed the crowd than after because the Governor's speech, a grab bag of historic rhetoric that Brown abounded from notes he had crowded on a small card barely five minutes before he was introduced, did not go over well.

There were, moreover, small pockets of anti-Brown sentiment here and there in the largely liberal crowd, because some groups still have not forgiven Brown for embracing the drive to reduce the federal budget.

The most of those who blanketed the Capitol grounds though, whether a week speech or a willingness to support some Conservative causes were enough to tarnish the image of a politician who has never wavered



Jerry Brown (AP)

in his opposition to nuclear power. On that issue, at least, Brown was their man. If, as speaker after speaker predicted, the anti-nuclear wave achieves the force that the anti-war movement did 10 years ago, Jerry Brown will be riding its political crest.

Brown was aware of all that, and

as he prowled the plaza at the west front of the Capitol, waiting for his turn to address the crowd, he smiled like the cat that had swallowed the canary.

UNLIKE most politicians, Brown generally leaves his staff home when he travels. This weekend, he said, he flew to Washington with only one aide, traveling on the same plane as the other stars of the rally, Jane Fonda and her husband Tom Hayden.

Brown walked to the Capitol alone from his hotel two blocks away, but he was not alone long. As soon as he was spotted, he picked up followers like a magnet passing through a pile of paper clips. He spent most of the day surrounded by a buzzing swarm of cameras and microphones.

"Does Three Mile Island mean that nuclear plants have had it? someone asked, and Brown nodded his head. "Let's say — they're in the process of having had it," he said. "That's a more precise way to put it."

Brown said it would not take another major nuclear accident to strengthen the anti-nuclear drive.

"The next assault on nuclear power," he said, "will arise from the evacuation plans, when people start to take a look at these emergency evacuation plans."

"Those plans — they're a bad joke. The sons of the LZN — or what is it? What is that thing? LPZ, that's it, the Low Population Zone, the zone where you have to move people out if there's a crisis — those zones are not realistic."

All this talk was interrupted by a constant flow of people, obscure and famous, who came around just to share the presence of a man who might be president.

FONDA and Hayden, who have not always agreed with Brown in the past, were generous in their praise of the Governor's stand against nuclear power. "We're not endorsing anybody for President yet," Fonda said, "but it looks like Kennedy's not going to run, and..."

Brown also ran into Bella Abzug, the feminist leader, who berated him for failing to appear at last summer's "Equal Rights Amendment" rally in Washington. "Yeah, well, I'm a complex person," Brown said, and before Abzug could think of a comeback, he was off to shake another hand.

"You know, this movement, it's amazing," Brown said. It's a strange blend of left and right, both sides are..."

He was interrupted again, this time by a young man wearing a green Mexican-style hat, blue porcelain ear rings and hair down to his waist.

"That one — I think he's on the left," Brown said.

(Washington Post News Service)

Monarch in the middle

By GORDON MACLEAN/Mbabane

THE MINIATURE monarchy of Swaziland is finding itself increasingly involved in a tug-of-war between East and West.

The opposing forces are not only geographical but ideological. To the east, Marxist Mozambique is trying to wear the 6,700-square-mile state closer to its own political doctrines, while to the west, South Africa is doing all it can to keep Swaziland within its fold.

So far the autocratic ruler of half-a-million Swazis, King Sobhuza II, has succeeded in keeping his subjects firmly within South Africa's orbit, for he tolerates no suggestions of democracy trying to alter the long-established pattern.

Indeed, Swaziland is proud of the fact that Sobhuza has reigned longer than any other living monarch — 58 years. In 1978, the King suspended all political parties because he suddenly decided that Westminster-type democracy was not suitable for his people, but that his direct rule was better. In place of parliament he substituted a king of tribal council, known as the *Tinkhundla*, composed of representatives chosen last year from each district — and then approved by the King.

So far no new constitution has yet been framed. It is said that the King's advisers are still combing the world to find a model constitution which Swaziland can adapt to fit its own peculiar situation — where the King is an absolute monarch.



King Sobhuza II (Camera Press)

MANY LOYAL Swazis argue vehemently that their deep-rooted traditions are strong enough to prevent despotism and defend the ruling that Western-style democracy is not for them. But this is not the view held by many university students, or in the urban areas of Mbabane-Maxini when young people meet to discuss their country's future.

Because of Sobhuza's advancing age, there is much discussion of which of his many sons — all royal princes, many in important government posts — he will choose as his successor. Only a select few advisers are in his confidence. His most powerful confidant is said to be his commander-in-chief (and son-in-law), Prime Minister and Maj.-Gen. Maphavu, who has the small but well-trained army under his thumb.

The man who leads the movement to put a "peoples' government" in power in place of the monarchy is today a "non-person" in Swaziland. Dr. Ambrose Snyane, who once led the opposition *Nigwanc* National Liberation Congress, is an exile in neighbouring Mozambique since escaping after one of his several periods of detention.

His party has now been revived as the Swaziland Liberation Movement, which abbreviates into "Swalimo" (with more than a hint that it has something in common with Marxist *Frelimo*). From Maputo, leaflets in the Si-Swati language are smuggled back home with inflammatory meameegee and dire warnings to Maphavu, whose soldiers have a reputation for thuggery.

Just how many supporters Swalimo now has in Swaziland is uncertain, for most Swazis deny all knowledge of the movement or its aims. The news media are forbidden to make any reference to it, or to its exiled leader.

SWAZILAND is riding a wave of prosperity because its local currency, the *malengeni*, is in-

terchangeable with South Africa's rand and half the nation's income comes from what South Africa provides as Swaziland's "cut" from the combined Southern African Customs Union — last year about \$30m.

Iron ore, asbestos and sugar yield significant revenue, but much of the remaining wealth comes to Swaziland every weekend from the horde of white South Africans who drive from Johannesburg and Durban to taste the "forbidden fruits" Swaziland has to offer.

Main attractions are the "one-arm bandits," the roulette wheels and blackjack tables of the two casinos, the hard-core porn films and the sexy magazines, not to mention the general permissiveness that includes exes across the colour line — when the Mbabane Vice Squad is looking the other way.

The beautiful Kruulwen Valley between Mbabane and Matsapa International Airport, irreverently dubbed "Sin-Valley" or "Go-go Valley," has two Holiday Inns and the Swazi Spa Casino, with a fringe of garish nightclubs and discos that swing until dawn. All this brings a golden glow to "Sibeba's Breasts," as the rocky promontory on the hills above has been known since author Rider Haggard passed that way years ago.

Down south just four kms. from the border is a newly-opened casino conveniently situated at the end of a motorway from Durban.

Sobhuza's men cast apprehensive glances towards the border with Mozambique, through which most of Swaziland's trade passes overseas. As an insurance against any possible rupture with Maputo and its port, they have just built a rail link with the South African system at Golele so that there is an alternative outlet through the new port of Richard's Bay, in Northern Natal.

So long as the monarchy continues — and with it the ruling that no Swazi may own land individually — its ties with South Africa are guaranteed, even although the Swazis resent being regarded as inhabitants of "just another Bantustan."

(Observer Foreign News Service)

Tracking the ripper

By TODD BLANCHE/London

ed Wilma McCann in Leeds' red-light Chapelton district.

Since then, police say he has killed nine other prostitutes and a 15-year-old shopgirl, Jayne McDonald, whom he apparently mistook for a prostitute as she walked through Chapelton on June 28, 1977.

HIS LATEST victim was 19-year-old Josephine Whitaker, a bank clerk in Halifax. Police said she was "a totally respectable woman."

Her body was found on March 30 lying in a park, not normally used by prostitutes, only 200 metres from her home. Oldfield said she was slain "in a particularly savage and brutal attack."

"This killer's break from prowling red-light districts alarmed police and

prompted Oldfield to warn that the ripper now could strike "any woman, anywhere, at any time."

Oldfield said: "He's crafty. He's given us the rumour for years. He's getting a kick out of it."

The theory gained credence after the ripper's seventh murder in October 1977. Forensic evidence showed a 20-year-old Manchester prostitute Jean Royle was killed on October 1 in a local lover's lane and her body left in a cove of trees.

The murder was not discovered until October 5 — after police say the killer returned to the body, stripped it, mutilated it again and dragged it into the open where it could be found.

Yet every clue detectives have found so far has failed to move them any closer to identifying the ripper.

MARILYN MOORE, a 26-year-old Leeds woman who police believe survived an attack by the ripper, described her assailant as "good-looking and he knew it. He has a drooping moustache and real come-to-bed eyes. Yet there was something vicious about him."

One of the detective's biggest problems has been getting information from prostitutes, who are reluctant to cooperate despite the danger they face on the streets at night.

The police are under mounting pressure to nail the ripper. While every available officer has been put on the manhunt, the county crime rate has risen 17 per cent.

The pressure has become so intense that several officers have

resigned from the force.

Oldfield's team believes the killer is aged about 30, possibly works in the construction business and is personable enough to be accepted by prostitutes, who usually can spot weirdos immediately.

The police have built up a picture of the killer. A detective noted: "We believe he's a psychopath who has a deep-rooted hatred of prostitutes. He may even be a married man with a family who every once in a while gets an urge to kill — just like Jack the Ripper who killed at least five, possibly eight prostitutes in London's Whitechapel district over several weeks in 1888.

The Yorkshire Ripper has a £28,000 reward on his head, the richest bounty posted on a British criminal.

Kenneth Davidson, chairman of West Yorkshire's police authority, declared in a recent radio interview that the killer was wanted "dead or alive."

He said: "I'm not seeking to establish vigilante law or lynching, but if he's killed resisting arrest... it's a matter of supreme indifference to me."

(Associated Press)

Dangerous home truths

By JOHN DORNBERG/Munich

book. Partly autobiographical — the hero is an ostracized Marxist novelist writing his memoirs which he knows will never be published in a country claiming to be Marxist — it tells the story of German communism as Stefan Heym witnessed and experienced it.

IT ALSO deals with all the taboo themes which officialdom in Communist East Germany has swept under the carpet of lies and censorship: the men and women with great ideals liquidated by the Stalin purges of the 1930s; the power struggles between "home" and Moscow Communists during and after World War II; the postwar witchhunts, purges and kangaroo trials of "revisionists" in Eastern Europe; the impact of de-Stalinization and re-Stalinization; the domestic upheavals caused in East Germany by the Prague Spring of 1968; the hounding of artists and intellectuals; and the contradictions between Communist propaganda and reality.

Readers with a knowledge of the situation will recognize, only barely disguised, all the main public actors who have played key roles in turning the erstwhile Soviet occupation zone of Germany into a separate country, isolated from the West by the only wall in history ever built to keep a nation's people in instead of its enemies out.

As such it is political and literary dynamite, though par for the course for Stefan Heym. The unchallenged dean and master of East German literature, he has for nearly 25 years also been its most prominent pariah.

Born in 1918 as Helmut Flieg, the son of a Jewish shop-owner in Chemnitz, Saxony, now called Karl-Marx-Stadt, Heym first broke into print as a teenager in 1931 with a poem, entitled "Export Business," which bitterly attacked the Weimar Republic for its cynical arms trade with Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang.

After a brief stint in leftwing journalism in pre-Hitler Berlin, he fled Germany for Prague when the Nazis

came to power. In 1934 he went to the U.S. on a Jewish scholarship, enrolled at the University of Chicago, changing his name in a futile attempt to protect his parents in Chemnitz from Nazi retribution.

After a series of odd jobs as a dishwasher, clerk, travelling salesman and translator, and publication of an influential pamphlet entitled "Naxis in the U.S.A.," he became editor of the anti-fascist, exile weekly "Deutsches Volksecho" in New York.

In 1942 he published his first highly praised novel, "Hostages," which was filmed by Paramount with William Bendix and Luise Rainer in the lead roles. The following year he took U.S. citizenship, joined the army, received a commission, and was sent overseas as a psychological warfare officer, winning a Bronze Star for bravery in the Battle of the Bulge.

AFTER VE-DAY, when the U.S. military government was established, Heym was assigned to the staff of the American daily "Neue Zeitung" in Munich. Dismissed from the paper because he refused to write the anti-Soviet and anti-Communist editorials which the editor wanted him to do, Heym returned to the U.S. and wrote his novel "The Crusaders," which became a long-running best-seller in 1948.

There was one more novel — "The Eyes of Reason" — before Heym, a Marxist since his teens and disillusioned by U.S. cold war policy, resigned his army reserve commission, renounced his U.S. citizenship, sent his medals and decorations to President Eisenhower, and left America to settle in East Berlin.

In East Germany Heym was showered with prizes, but his literary stubbornness and intractability soon collided with the regime. In the mid-1950s there was one more novel, then nearly a decade of silence until 1964 when

Heym gave vent to his frustration and disillusionment with the system in "The Papers of Andreas Lenz."

A historical novel centering on the German revolution of 1848, it told the story of Lenz, a popular German folk poet, who had fled to America and died, a Union soldier, at Gettysburg. Its publication in East Germany at the time was possible only because of a cultural thaw, for it was a novel whose pages bristled with heresies.

In one of its greatest passages the hero says:

"The only consolation I can draw from the absurdities of the revolution is the knowledge that the absurdities of the counter-revolution are just as great."

Following ebarp attacks on him by Erich Honecker, now East Germany's president and Communist Party chief, at a party central committee meeting in December 1965, Heym found that the only way to get into print was to publish in the West.

There have been belated exceptions, to be sure. Three years after it came out in West Germany and the U.S. his "King David Report," a Biblical parable on the Stalin era, was finally published in East Germany. But his "Five Days in June," a novel about the 1953 workers' uprising in East Germany, remains banned there.

THE REVOLT, crushed by Soviet tanks, has been built into legends in both Germany. In West Germany it is celebrated as National Unity Day and portrayed as a rising by the down-trodden East German masses clamoring for German reunification. In East Germany the official view is that it was organized and led by the West and that most of the rebels were agents from West Berlin. The truth is far different, and Heym's book told it. "The West," he said, "did indeed provide the fuse for that revolt, but we supplied our own dynamite."

Heym is still a Marxist and still regards East Germany as the "best Germany there ever was, which is not to say, however that it couldn't be much better."

The litmus test of its "improvement" would be publication there of "Collin." The prospects, however, are almost nil.

(Special to The Jerusalem Post)

THE GOVERNOR of California, an incongruous three-piece suit in a sea of jeans, was lounging on the Capitol steps and explaining, between chomps on an apple, what he called "some haele truths of energy politics."

"In the dialectical way of American politics," Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. began, "decontrol of oil will..."

"Governor," someone interrupted, "the cameras are over here."

"No, wait — this is good," Brown demurred, "let me finish this thought. Let's see — in the dialectical way of American politics, decontrol of oil will, or I mean may, lead to further government control of the oil companies."

Brown's audience — an assortment of reporters, politicians, anti-nuclear leaders and miscellaneous activists who had flocked to Brown's side as soon as he appeared at Sunday's rally against nuclear power — looked up quizzically. Before he could explain what he had in mind, he was off to be interviewed by a self-styled "Public Interest Video Cooperative" that wanted to film the anti-nuclear movement's hottest political property.

One day after President Carter's political swing through California, Jerry Brown had brought his own unannounced but obvious presidential campaign to the seat of the federal government. By the end of Sunday's rally, it seemed clear that Brown got the best of the exchange.

THE PRESIDENT'S trip to California was marked by modest crowds, lukewarm applause and repeated expressions of public dissatisfaction with the Carter administration's

GEORGE OLDFIELD, a paunchy, old-style cop with a nose for tracking down "villains," has sworn to get the "Yorkshire Ripper."

Police, partly to avoid copycat killings, have publicly discussed how the ripper slays his victims. Detectives say, however, all 11 murdered women had distinctive head wounds and body mutilations.

Oldfield has a permanent task force of 300 detectives hunting the ripper backed by another 1,000 officers — the biggest, most sustained murder manhunt in British police history.

The investigation has cost more than £2m. Police calculate they have spent more than 350 man-hours on the hunt, questioned nearly 50,000 persons and checked 180,000 vehicles.

"He's a homicidal maniac," says Oldfield, West Yorkshire's assistant chief constable and leader of the manhunt. "It's the last thing I do, I'm going to get him. This man will continue to kill until he's caught."

The ripper first struck on the night of October 29, 1975. He battered and slashed a 28-year-old prostitute nam-

STEFAN HEYM, East Germany's best and best-known, albeit least-published writer, is also a Marxist who drinks socialist port — a potent beverage in a country where only mixtures and authoritarian adulterations are prescribed.

Heym, 61, is currently making headlines and the best-seller lists in West Germany with his latest, and what some critics regard as his greatest novel — "Collin," published this month. It will soon be published in the U.S. too, for Stefan Heym has a following that ranges the spectrum from "Playboy" to "The New York Times Magazine."

But in his native East Germany, like most of his work during the past quarter century, it is banned and will probably never see print.

Like most of Heym's previous works it tells the truth about the country and political system to which he swears continuing loyalty. The truth not only hurts, it is dangerous. And that is what censorship is for.

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Israel national cricket team leaves for World Cup in London

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Israel's 16-man national cricket team leaves for London tomorrow to participate in the qualifying competition for the second Prudential World Cup.

and Holland, in their first series of matches. Participants in the qualifying competition are being divided into three groups for their one-day, 60-over games.

(Kibbutz Yisre'el). Team manager is Gabriel Kandil and delegation head is Ivan Kantor. Since late February the players have been undergoing regular two-weekly net practice at either Ashdod or Kibbutz Na'an.



Chif Wily, 23, of the U.S. (right), just beats Amadon Mette of the Ivory Coast in Monday's 100-meter sprint at the Hapoel Games in Ramat Gan.

Red tape keeps hikers off scenic trail

Jerusalem Post Reporter One of the country's most beautiful hiking areas is being kept closed to the public because of bureaucratic negligence, the Nature Protection Society has charged.

representatives of the police, the Public Works Department and Solel Boneh, all agreed that two kilometers of the usual route should be closed. Signs for the detour are now in place, the spokesman said.

Karpov, Tal in tie

MONTREAL (AP). — The Man and His World challenge cup and checks of \$21,500 each were presented Monday to Soviet chess masters Anatoly Karpov and Mikhail Tal, as organizers of the richest-ever tournament began considering whether it should become an annual event.

Soccer squad plays in Spain tonight

By PAUL KOHN Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Israel will play Spain's Olympic football team in an Olympiad qualifying game at Murcia, Spain tonight. The encounter is of crucial importance to both sides.

TA lifeguards strike at peak hours

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Thousands of Tel Aviv bathers are risking their lives when they enter the water during the afternoons and Saturdays, manager of municipal services Pinhas Lahav said yesterday.

Seattle Mariners continue to clobber mighty Yankees

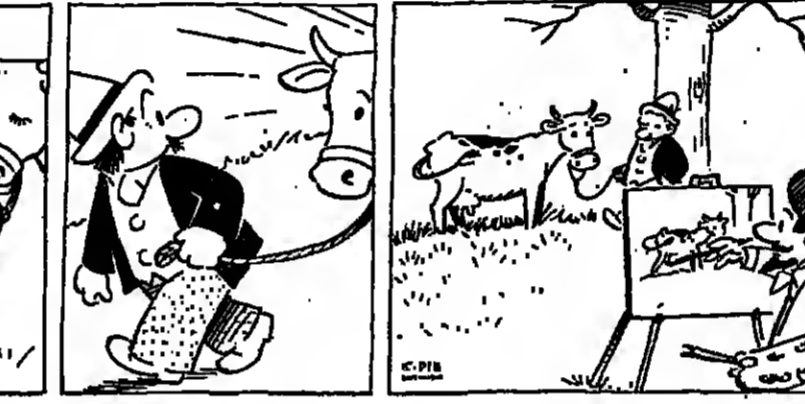
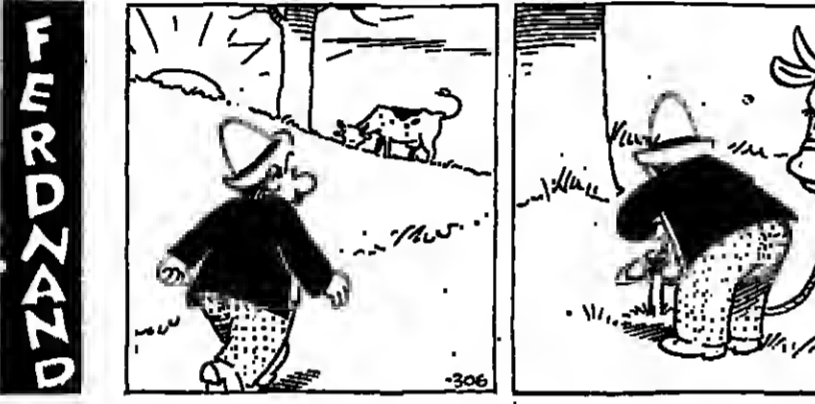
NEW YORK (AP). — The lowly Seattle Mariners continued to torment the New York Yankees Monday night, beating the 1977 and 1978 world champions 12-4. Dan Meyer drove in a club-record seven runs, including a tie-breaking grand-slam homer in the fifth inning.

The win snapped a personal three-game losing streak for Carlton and made him the winningest left-hander in Phillies history, with 153 victories.

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BEDTIME SHENANIGANS

ALL IN THE FAMILY/Eleanor Harris

"COMES a pause in the day's occupation that is known as 'the children's hour' — unless the pause stretches on and on and on, ceasing to be a pause and becoming the occupation.

What happens when the pre-bedtime story stops being a happy "togetherness" time and becomes a campaign to delay the goodnight moment? Or when second-grade Suzis habitually remembers to do her homework only when the clock chews two minutes before bedtime? Or when three-year-old Moshele, who hates to be left out of anything, insists on making himself a member of the after-dinner party? Or the infant who cries lustily at being put into the crib because he wants to fall asleep only in someone's arms?

Such bedtime shenanigans can (and do) occur in every family. Every child tries some of them sometimes, and some of them do all of them all the time. There is nothing so terrible about this if one is the kind of loving, permissive parent who is genuinely untroubled by this behaviour, and is willing to spend long years catering to his child's desires in this matter.

But I don't know anyone who has so much patience, energy and time.

And if one is not prepared to put up with demanding or chaotic behaviour patterns until the child is old enough to go to bed when he pleases, then one shouldn't let this behaviour take root in the first place. It just isn't fair to the child to encourage him to form habits which must eventually become a point of contention between him and his parent. Especially in dealing with the pre-school child, the over-indulgence of the ever-permissiveness of which causes problem behaviour (or, speaking, it is allowing the child to act in a behaviour that will not be acceptable at a future time, or in other circumstances.

IT IS particularly easy for parents to fall into this kind of a bind when it comes to bedtime activities. Normally a time for a story, a lullaby or a cuddle, it is instead for a child to want to prolong this moment. Even an infant will resist being put down and, because mother doesn't want to

hear him cry (or because she is uncertain as to what the crying means), picks him up again.

But, as in all things, one must find a reasonable limit; if not, then long before that first birthday it becomes clear to everyone but the parent that this child is exercising the right of choice — his choice. He chooses to be held (and why not?) and the parent is perfectly willing to accede to this desire because he doesn't anticipate that in a very short time he (the parent) may tire of this game.

In infancy it's a pleasure to hold him. By age two, he's a pain in the neck if he needs to be rocked or sung to sleep, and by age four (when even mama thinks he's old enough to know better) he's capable of being devious or outright hostile in refusing to go to bed.

No parent deliberately sets out to create an aura of confrontation with

his child. On the contrary — especially around the bedtime behaviour — a parent strives for a calm, friendly atmosphere, and is therefore perplexed and frustrated when his youngster consistently balks at going to bed.

But if it comes to the point where a bedtime battle is a nightly occurrence, then a parent has two options: live with it in silence for as many years as it takes the child to learn better; or decide on corrective measures — and stick to them.

It sounds glib (and easy on paper), but any parent knows that it is difficult, and the older the child the more difficult it will be to change an established pattern.

NO ONE likes to hear a child cry, and with a pre-verbal infant there is always the possibility that he may really be in pain. But if you decide

that the only sensible thing to do is to let the child "cry it out" for a couple of nights, then a parent must not give in. The rule is simple: never reward unwanted behaviour.

If you reward the crying after 10 minutes, you will encourage him to cry for an even longer period the next time. If one suspects that a child really needs attention, pick him up the instant he starts to cry. By the same token, a child awakening from sleep should be attended before he starts to scream for attention.

The message to the child is that he will be cared for but not because he screams. "Crying it out" is harder on parents than on children, but a parent who sticks to his guns (and is honest about using the clock) will notice a decrease in crying times very night.

Far more difficult is the older

child who becomes highly skilled at inventing delaying tactics — thirst, bathroom needs, self-inflicted wounds, imaginary security. These are among the most prosaic. A parent needs to be even more inventive than the child in thinking up ways in which to enforce his rules.

But whatever form of friendly persuasion is selected, it should be applied with firmness and consistency. When a mother says to me, "I never have an evening to myself — I can never invite people in for the evening — I can't," then I believe that she not only deserves what she gets, but is enjoying it, too.

BEDTIME battles are more a nuisance than a problem. It is the sort of thing that both parents and children outgrow with time. But occasionally the techniques learned in this bothersome bedtime behaviour carry over into other spheres.

For example, a child learns to get his way by feigning illness or distress covering that his parents have a

very low noise threshold. Or a parent is amazed at the immediate results achieved by a spanking or even a threat of a spanking.

When one is successful with a given technique, it is tempting to employ the same tool in other situations as well. But since no one would knowingly choose to live in a battle zone, the fewer battle techniques used the healthier the family. Such techniques tend to be manipulative and aggressive (when clinicians say "battle technique" they are being quite literal) and are to be avoided as much as possible.

I think the implications are clear. Family patterns vary from the permissive to the rigidly structured — what is seen as a problem in one home would be considered a nuisance in another.

What is universal in all this is that no one in his right mind would deliberately create a problem where only a nuisance exists.

On the other hand, one must be aware of one's own capacity to put up with nuisance. Anyone who allows a child to make a nuisance of himself and then punishes him for this at a later date is guilty of irresponsible behaviour. And that makes for problems.

Youthful talent

Special to The Jerusalem Post

YOUNG ISRAELIS with musical talent or with experience in acting or film-making — amateurs included — will be eligible for a professional audition in Tel Aviv this month.

The talent hunt opened at the Allenby Cinema in Tel Aviv earlier this month, and successful candidates will be signed on to take part in what the producers — Cosmos Film Ltd. and Jerusalem Capital Studios — claim will be the first film in which all participants, on both sides of the camera, will be children aged 12 to 18.

The film is to be a major Israeli contribution to International Children's Year in 1980. The project is being undertaken in cooperation with the Israeli ICY committee, and copies of the film, which is to be shot in Jerusalem and the Sinai, are to be issued in Hebrew and English.

The film is budgeted at \$500,000, donated by Leon Tamman, a British investor and philanthropist. Beside extensive business interests in Britain, Europe and the U.S., Tamman owns the Daniel Towers Hotel in Herzliya and is a co-founder of Cosmos Film and Jerusalem Capital

Studios along with Eddie Soffer, former Israel TV newscaster.

The co-founders are also co-producers of the film, whose central theme is a chance meeting in Jerusalem between two boys — one Jewish and the other a Beduin — and the developing friendship between them which is sealed in the course of a "maturity test" they undergo in the desert.

The scenario for the film, introduced at a press conference in the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel last week by Dan Gordon, production manager of the two Israel-based companies, was written by two teenagers, Shabar Segal and Dori Glass.

At 15, Shabar is backed by three years' experience in TV film-making, and is director of the popular children's programme, "Quiet! Broadcast Under Way."

The two boys have also been delegated to find an Arab lad for the joint leading role. They have been studying Beduin life from books, interviews with experts on the subject, and films, and are shortly to go on a scouting tour in Sinai for a suitable candidate.



Shabar Segal, behind camera, with Dori Glass, right, who have written the scenario for an Israeli film for International Children's Year. At left is Odi Cohen-Raz, who has one of the nine main roles in the film. (Cosmos Film)

WITH ONLY one out of 20 of France's 750,000 Jews listed as members of Jewish or Zionist organizations, Avi Primor's goal of getting masses of them involved in the cause seems to be a "mission impossible."

Nevertheless, the 44-year-old new "delegate-general" of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization in France thinks he has a chance of breaking through the community's reluctance to identify and participate.

Primor served as second-in-command in the Israeli Embassy in Paris for six years, and has just left to prepare a detailed plan for his assignment. The title was created to give him responsibility for all WZO and Agency operations in the country, including aliyah, education, information and fund-raising.

The French Jewish community is generally well off and well educated, with over half of them post-1948 immigrants from North Africa.

But figures of organizational membership are misleading, Primor asserts. "If you add up all the members of the various Jewish and Zionist organizations in France, the total is much larger than it really is. The reason is that the same people are members in the various organizations."

A gradual decentralization of French cultural and social life lends hope to Primor's task of increasing Jewish activism. "In the past, Jews

The French connection

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter



Avi Primor

felt uncomfortable about being different. Now, with the movement of decentralization of culture if not of the government, Jews feel they can be Jews without being ashamed or of calling their Frenchness into question."

PRIMOR visited France two months ago to gauge Jewish feeling there and decide whether he should take the Jewish Agency job.

Primor found, to his surprise, a Jewish community looking for direction and eager for a challenge. "Because I was known as coming from the embassy, I was received as an Israeli and not as a representative of any political tendency," he recalls. "It came as a shock to me. I found very good people there working for the Agency. But they really can't work as they should because of the set-up, with the various components of the Jewish establishment acting almost like autonomous principalities."

Primor plans to create a new and better infrastructure with help from a core of 200 young, idealistic French Jews.

The 200 had organized the highly successful demonstration "12 Hours for Israel" in Paris three years ago, and disbanded shortly afterward. "I met with them two months ago and was told that they're ready to volunteer — and even find many more to help. They will set up centres of Zionist action all over the Paris suburbs and the provincial towns that will become a new pro-Israel infrastructure," he says.

When Primor finishes his assignment in two years or so, he will be able to gauge his success "by assessing the weight of the Jewish community in France — by how much their participation in national and Jewish life increases." Increased aliyah from France will be Primor's long-range goal.

ON A CHILLY Jerusalem evening, in the ruins of a fortress built by Jewish kings, an international crowd followed the enactment of a Greek tragedy performed by an American company — in the original Greek.

"The Trojan Women," Euripides' story of the destruction of Troy and the abduction of the city's women, was performed by the New York La Mama group, as part of the Jerusalem Spring Festival, an "epic opera," a joint creation by director Andrei Serban and composer Elizabeth Swados.

The action took place in various parts of the citadel's vast area, on the ground and on the ramparts, and the audience was asked, literally, to follow it — something that called for considerable physical effort and skill and even involved the danger of falling into one of the many holes in the ground, (though as far as I could see,

there were no casualties). Performers and audience mingled in the dark, bumping into each other as they moved in the direction indicated by projectors.

I have yet to form an opinion on the merits of seeing a performance under such conditions, apart from the obvious advantage of physical exercise. I have still to decide whether the sense of being part of the action is not offset by the distraction involved in picking one's way in the darkness.

"THE TROJAN Women" is probably the most powerful of all the Greek tragedies, which are all more powerful than anything written later. No greater suffering was ever experienced than that of Hecuba, who saw her husband and all her sons killed and her daughter ab-

AUDIENCE ON THE MOVE

THEATRE Mendel Kobansky

ducted, who witnessed the enemy putting her beloved Troy to the torch.

No more tragic scenes was ever conceived than the parting of Andromache from her little son, Astyanax before the enemy took him away to be killed. And no greater torture and humiliation was inflicted on a woman than that suffered by Helen, "the most beautiful and most dangerous woman in the world," who was spattered with mud, raped by man and an animal, before her beautiful head was severed.

Elizabeth Swados' music consists mainly of percussion, the drums and bells punctuating and underscoring the action, the performers chanting through proceedings which are ritualistic but nevertheless loaded with passion.

There are scenes of almost unbearable intensity, like the rape of Helen, and Andromache's long, slow

ritual of parting from her son. And there are scenes of visual beauty like the slow-motion, dreamlike descent of a woman into the hold of a ship, her body gliding down the ramp with a wondrous grace; or the closing scene, with the boat carrying the Trojan women into slavery swaying in the sea, the boat indicated mainly by projections suggesting prow.

In a large cast there is not a single poor performance, and there are stunning performances by Priscilla Smith as Andromache, Mimi Locadio and Jane Lind as Hecuba, Joanna Peled as Helen.

THE SAME actresses and a contingent of male performers appear in "Electra," the third of the Andrei Serban "trilogy" (something of a misnomer, since there is no direct thematic connection linking this play with "The Trojan Women" and "Medea"). "Electra," based on the Sophocles tragedy, is billed here as a "miracle play," and is performed in a strictly ritualistic and rather low-key manner compared to the other two.

Here, as in the other two plays, the central character is a woman. Electra is possessed by a consuming passion, her desire to avenge the death of her father, the King of Mycenae, murdered by her mother Clytemnestra, and the latter's lover Aegisthus, who now wears the crown. It is Orestes, Electra's brother, who in fact wreaks the vengeance she desires and restores order to the kingdom, leaving her safe under the protection of the spirit of their father that has been guiding his actions all along.

PRISCILLA SMITH plays Electra with the same explosive, snarling passion we saw her display in "Medea," but is slightly subdued here, in a play which speaks of order and the supremacy of reason over emotion, and she is supported by Patrick Burke as Orestes.

This play is performed in a small space, most of it on a raised platform, where the celebrated recognition scene between brother and sister and the murder-scene of Aegisthus take place. The latter, which is performed high on a rampart, has the slow, ballet-like quality which emphasizes its divine inspiration.

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- To swindle causes fuss (2-2)
- Such soap contains oil (6)
- Right amid malice, shows spirit (6)
- Some mine workings of recent origin (3)
- Drink ale endlessly, in sum (5)
- Crowd sounding beauty? (4)
- Dragged to get married (5)
- Point numbers out in confused fashion (5)
- Meant to be an art master (5)
- On by hand? (4)
- A ledger to prate about? (5)
- Not quite the same man (5)
- Denial of rights (6)
- Steadily made by an officer with some irony (6)
- A sorry statement! (4)
- Used a bit of expertise to set straight? (3)
- Take a new course so as to serve out (6)

DOWN

- Further round! (6)
- It's not so hot in Jug (6)
- Martian's essay (4)
- Made to fit persons out? (7)
- Beast with an injured foot? (3, 2)
- Cold form of sleep (5)
- Feminine metal article (4)
- It's condensed (3)
- Sidley fellow? (3)
- Reminiscences of an army man? (5)
- Fur dog? (5)
- Goldman? Gilt, anyway (5)
- Try piece of metal (3)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS—1. Speat, 8. To-Opera, 12. Angus, 12. Mistime, 15. Ben, 17. Apex, 18. Arcant, 20. A-side, 20. Ideals, 22. C-Opera, 23. Sin, 25. Defames, 25. Sever, 27. Shrug, 28. David, 28. Erupted, 30. Frodo, 31. Water, 32. Down, 32. Philip (fillip).

DOWN—1. A-grant, 4. Tan, 5. Sh-ose, 6. Trounce, 7. A-PS, 8. Farsen, 12. A-miks, 14. A. Bus, 14. Seven, 15. B-E-son, 16. A-Joni, 18. Adder, 19. Allegro, 21. D-I-the-r, 22. Can-Ada, 23. Be-Vile, 23. Deep (rev), 25. Sard, 25. D-E-W.

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS—1. Couch, 6. Deals, 9. Happier, 10. Pines, 11. Shack, 12. Mustard, 15. Sea, 17. Asks, 18. Trends, 19. April, 20. Rhesus, 22. Stid, 24. Ves, 25. Malice, 26. Alred, 27. Evans, 28. Molar, 28. Tension, 30. Ebbled, 31. Agile.

DOWN—1. Odious, 3. Cheats, 4. Bus, 5. Spiked, 6. Desert, 7. Erne, 8. Locked, 12. Graps, 13. Merry, 14. Sides, 15. Snake, 16. Alside, 18. Tread, 19. Audited, 21. Heaven, 23. Strong, 23. Israel, 25. Messy, 26. Anty, 28. Moe.

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Banks increase competition for savers' money

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The country's commercial banks which offer savings schemes to the public do not release reports on overall sales of such schemes. Yet a recently released report by the Bank of Israel, which outlines the volume of new index-linked bonds, which are government approved for savings schemes, shows that since the second quarter of 1978 sales of bonds have been on the decline.

In that quarter savings schemes bought a total of IL3.5b. worth of linked bonds. In the first quarter of 1979 the figure was IL1.7b.

The drop of sales was about 58 per cent over a period of less than one year. National Consultants offers a number of explanations for these figures, including:

- A relatively low level of redemptions of elder schemes.
- New programmes offered in 1979, which allowed the savers to continue existing schemes.
- Under new programmes banking institutions must buy a certain proportion of negotiable bonds and such purchases have been made on the open market.
- Savers are showing a preference for direct investment in index-linked bonds, and on the open market.

It seems that the last-mentioned reason may be the key to understanding the overall picture.

Savings schemes have a number of clearcut advantages. First, they offer the highest yield in any of the currently issued index-linked bonds. The grants offered to savers give the programmes an extra sales appeal.

Yet a saver, to get the full benefits of the savings scheme, must freeze his money for the full six-year period. A cancellation generally results in the loss of the initial grant. To achieve the full tax exemption feature, the scheme must be held for at least three years.

The most popular savings scheme currently offered is the "Until 120." This scheme allows for either monthly or a one-time deposit.

Initially the country's commercial banks offered a 14 per cent outright grant to savers. The Tefinet Mortgage Bank countered with an 18 per cent grant. Not to be outdone, the First International Bank of Israel earlier this month made a special offer, good for three weeks, which entitles savers to a grant of 20 per cent.

FIBI's offer means that customers, with an average annual index rise of 25 per cent, would receive a linked annual yield of nearly 4 per cent.

Union Bank of Israel, during May, is offering a 21 per cent grant, making this scheme easily the most attractive form of long-term saving.

The government has approved a maximum bonus of 22 per cent for the month of May.

The competition for the public's funds by the commercial banks can only be good news for the individual saver.



State Comptroller Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl peruses the bulky volume of the 29th report issued by his office, which will be presented to the Knesset today. Extensive excerpts of the report will appear in tomorrow's issue of THE JERUSALEM POST. (Rahamim Yizraeli)

COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS

OTZAR HASHILTON HAMEKOMI
The financial institution specializes in loans to local authorities. The government is its main shareholder. In 1978 the bank's total assets rose by 44 per cent and stood at IL2.5b. Loans to municipalities and local authorities came to IL82m.

While shareholders' equity was IL67.2m., Otzar Hashilton reported a net after-tax profit of IL23.1m., reflecting a gain of 97 per cent over 1977. The profit figure included IL2m. resulting from a change in accounting practices. Earnings per share were 29 per cent.

The management has recommended the payment of a 25 per cent gross cash dividend.

ZUR INSURANCE COMPANY
The company's board of directors has recommended the payment of a 12 per cent cash dividend to all types of shareholders. It has also recommended the payment of 30 per cent in bonus shares. The company's general meeting is to be held on May 23, when the dates for the payment of the dividends and bonuses will be set. Zur has reported a net operating profit of IL2.5m.

INVESTMENT CO. FOUNDED BY AMFA
The company's major investments include holdings in Amps, M.L.L. Ltd., Amcor, Amblin, and Moritz and Tuchler. After-tax earnings stood at IL2.4m., compared with a small loss in 1977. Earnings per share were 28 per cent. During the year the company declared a payment of 20 per cent in bonus shares. Total assets were reported at IL15.5m.

HOUSING AND MORTGAGE BANK
This mortgage institution has released its annual balance sheet, which shows that its total stood at IL4.5b., reflecting a rise of more than 100 per cent over 1977. In the year under review the bank granted 15,000 loans, an all-time record. These totalled IL1.1b.

Net after-tax earnings stood at IL3.5m., a rise of 101 per cent over 1977. For the year the bank has declared gross cash dividends of 11 per cent and 20 per cent in bonus shares.

BAYSIDE LAND CORP.
Bayside is a subsidiary of Property and Building, which holds 70 per cent of the equity and voting rights. Bayside, which has just released its annual statement, is entering its 51st year of operation. It specializes in the planning, construction and leasing of industrial properties, but also has an interest in bonded warehouses.

For 1978 the company reported a net after-tax profit of IL481.2m., an increase of 134 per cent over 1977. Earnings per share rose from 53 to 54 per cent. The 10 per cent cash dividend paid in December 1978 has been declared as final for the year under review. A 15 per cent share bonus has been recommended.

Exporting data processing

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Yaana data processing company has reached an export agreement with Prof. Paul Fisher, one of the owners of Computer Science of Kansas, who is also president of the Faculty of Computer Sciences at the University of Kansas City. In announcing this yesterday, Efraim Shatlat, general manager of Yaana, stated that the export agreement would run into about \$1.5m. over the next few years.

Fisher will work out the systems analysis needed to solve a specific problem, and Yaana will work out the actual programming.

Meir Zera, head of sales at Yaana, noted that such work not only has a one hundred per cent added value, but that for the Americans, and others, it was 40 per cent cheaper to do it in Israel, "since our wages are low while our skills are the best in the world."

The company, founded in 1963, is today one of the largest in Israel. Its turnover in 1978 was IL45m., which according to Shatlat shows a 90 per cent inflationary growth, or a 40 per cent real growth. Yaana employs 80 persons.

Meir Mesbel, who heads one of the

firm's affiliates, Micro-Daf, noted that "reducing one kilogram of figures on paper to a piece of film weighing one gram" paid for itself in one to three months.

"Paper itself is highly expensive and growing more expensive year by year. Not only do we save huge quantities of space, but the price of microfilming a kilogram of paper, instead of printing the paper again, comes to about one-quarter to one-third of the cost of the actual paper itself." Each company buys a machine, costing up to IL10,000, to read the micro-film.

Micro-Daf works straight from the computer, thus eliminating the need to print the information, or photograph it.

At present it works for several government agencies, including the security forces, National Insurance, banks, pension funds, hospitals, universities and the schools.

"Absolute secrecy is guaranteed," Mesbel promised, adding that "the banks we work for demand just as much secrecy as does the security establishment."

Yaana is a private company owned in equal shares by five partners. It plans to move into new 1,400 sq.m. quarters in a short time.

Lower tax on appliances to benefit customers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Merchants are expected to pass on to their customers the entire reduction in taxes recently granted by the authorities on refrigerators, stoves and ovens, following an agreement last weekend between Moshe Perluk, director-general of the Merchants

Courts lenient in work mishap cases

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut has criticized labour courts for lenient sentencing of people responsible for work accidents.

Central Committee member Shaul Ben-Simon, who has written a book on labour accidents, told reporters recently that accidents cost the economy 8,000,000 work days per year, compared with 400,000 work days lost to strikes. The accident rate in Israel is higher than in most West European countries, he said.

The law provides for a maximum of an IL12,000 fine and six months' imprisonment. But so far the courts had not meted such punishment, he said. He cited as an example a Tel Aviv foreman who was responsible for the deaths of four builders, but was fined only IL4,000.

He also complained that government supervisors who enforce safety regulations are too lax. In 1977 there were 73,190 work accidents in which 90 people were killed and 3,050 maimed for life, but only 11 charge sheets were presented to the courts, he said.

Unless steps are taken to reduce work accidents, this year some 100 workers may be killed at work, another 100 while commuting, and 3,100 will be crippled for life, Ben-Simon warned.

MOLLER TEXTILES
The company is the smallest Israeli textile concern whose shares



Mount Scopus

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY REDEDICATES ITSELF TO ADVANCING THE INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Fifty-four years ago the Hebrew University was opened on Mount Scopus to serve as a spiritual and scientific center for Jews throughout the world. It has functioned as such ever since. Following the destruction of the Jewish centers of Europe, the University has played an important role in the preservation and enhancement of Jewish knowledge and culture throughout the world.

When the State of Israel was founded, the Provisional Government reaffirmed that Jerusalem be the cultural and scientific center of Israel and the Jewish people. In its resolution it added that it was therefore incumbent upon the Hebrew University to develop its activities in Jerusalem as a central scientific institution of Israel.

Today, the University's Board of Governors convenes on Mount Scopus for its 41st meeting. This is the first time the Board is holding its deliberations on this campus since the creation of the State of Israel. The event coincides with the return of the administration of the University to the Mount Scopus campus after 31 years.



Hebrew University leadership meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin — L to r.: Mr. Ze'ev Sharaf, member of the University's Executive Committee; Prof. Solly Cohen, of the University's Senate; Prof. Albert Neuberger, Chairman of the English Friends of the University; Mr. Begin; Board Chairman Samuel Rotberg; University President Avraham Harman; and Prof. Martin Peretz, member of the Board from the United States

From 13 countries The Governors, coming from Israel and 12 other countries, will be hearing reports from the Chairman of the Board, Samuel Rotberg, from the President, Avraham Harman, and the Rector, Prof. Gidon Czapeki.

Era of Peace

The Hebrew University is facing up to new challenges in a number of fields. In advance of the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt, the University set up a committee to examine how it would be affected by peace. The Executive Committee received a

Solel Boneh quarry to double output

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Even Sid quarrying company, which is a subsidiary of Solel Boneh, expects almost to double its output over the next five years.

Shraga Rothman, director-general of Solel Boneh, announced this week that the company would invest some IL1.5b. over the next five years. The money will be used to develop new quarries and plants as well as to expand the company's existing operations.

Rothman said that Even Sid has the potential to become the country's major producer of building

materials and to play a key role in the building of the new airfields in the Negev.

David Shazar, director-general of Even Sid, said that this company's new quarry at Modi'in, which recently began operations, would play an important role in the planned expansion. A total of IL400m. had been invested in developing the quarry, which is expected to produce three million tons of material a year.

Another new quarry is to be developed near Megiddo. The sum of IL400m. has been earmarked for this project, which is expected to produce a similar quantity of material as the Modi'in quarry by 1984.

Koor buys 50% share of Fedoil

TEL AVIV. — Koor has acquired a 50 per cent equity in Fedoil, a natural gas and oil exploration company. The remainder is held by the Federalman group.

Koor management's decision to enter the field of natural gas and oil exploration is a further expression of the company's long-standing commitment to the development of the country's infrastructure.

Fedoil is scheduled to undertake additional exploration in the Stikma

field, where an estimated billion cubic metres of natural gas have already been located.

Two more wells will be sunk to assess the extent of the find. In addition, exploration in other potential fields, such as Ashdod 5, will be continued.

Experts are now studying possible utilization of the natural gas as a fuel source for Koor enterprises located in the south of the country.

Ceremonies

During the week of the Board of Governors meeting, several ceremonies take place:

Dedication of the Louis S. and Adèle Bleem Lecture Hall, established by Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Bloom and children, of Montreal, Canada, in the Social Sciences Building on Mount Scopus.



Conferment of an Honorary Fellowship upon Mr. Irving Crown of Chicago, and the dedication of the Edward A. Crown M.D. Memorial Wing and Research Foundation in the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.



Inaugural ceremony of the new program for Canadian Studies, established jointly by the Canadian government and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Halbert. Dr. Halbert is Chairman of the Canadian Friends of the University.



Dedication of the Bernard Cherrick Chair in Jewish History endowed by Edward and Peter Bronfman, of Canada. Chair incumbent is Prof. Haim Belinfante. Dedication of the Allan Bronfman Family Reception Center, on the Mount Scopus campus.



Dedication of the Lillian and Michael Braude Drama Center, with the participation of Mr. and Mrs. Braude, of East Hampton, Michael Braude New York.



Conferment of an Honorary Doctorate on Mrs. Rose Crown of Chicago for outstanding service to the Hebrew University and the State of Israel.



140 students, recipients of Malarsdorf scholarships, attend a dinner given by the donors, Leon and Yvonne Malarsdorf, of Belgium.



Dedication of the Phi Delta Epsilon Reading Room in the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, established by Jewish doctors in the United States and Canada.



Dedication of the Dr. Philip Marcus Chair in Medical Education. Dr. Marcus, of Beverly Hills, is past President of the Western States Region — American Friends of the Hebrew University.



progress report on the possibilities of establishing academic and scientific relations with Egyptian universities, and on the possible impact that the peace treaty will have on Israel. The University is ready to play its part in the general effort to develop culturally based relations with its colleagues in Egypt.

The University is greatly encouraged, as is the country as a whole, by the prospect of real peace with its neighbors and the emergence of a hopeful new era with the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt. At the opening of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus in 1920, a representative of the University of Cairo was present. The University looks forward to the resumption of these relations, and their extension to the entire scientific and intellectual community of Egypt as well as to the large student body in that country.

Housing and Economic Developments
The economic situation has had an adverse effect upon the University's work. The University has been greatly affected by the sharp rise in the cost of all imported equipment, supplies, books, journals, the cost of fuel and all services dependent on energy.

In Jerusalem in particular some serious problems have arisen. As a result of the decline in new building in recent years, there has been a steep rise in the cost of housing, including rental housing, with prices running as high as one-third more than in the rest of the country. In consequence, provision of student and faculty housing has once again become a very serious problem.

Teaching and study
The size of the student body has levelled off — with some 19,500 students enrolled in the regular programs of the University. There has been a stabilization at the undergraduate level with a slight increase in the first year undergraduate enrollment. There has been a significant increase in the enrollment of students from abroad, while student enrollment at the Pre-Academic Center has been maintained.

The University is particularly proud that about one third of all its students are enrolled in postgraduate courses.

A further 25,000 persons participate in a wide range of non-formal and continuing educational programs held under the University's auspices. In addition, the University is training a new generation of educators and

Technion to repair fire-gutted hall

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Technion is to repair the Churchill Auditorium, which was gutted by a fire earlier this year.

Technion President Amos Horev told THE JERUSALEM POST Monday that a tender for the work, which will cost a "very considerable" sum, will be issued soon. The hall, the Technion's central auditorium, is scheduled to be reopened within a year.

The auditorium, named for the late Sir Winston Churchill and built

over 20 years ago, was one of the first buildings on the Technion's Neve Sha'ananim campus. It was paid for by donations from the British Technion Society.

Horev said that the rebuilding plans call for the modernization of the hall, including full air conditioning and a modern stage with improved acoustics.

The insurance companies will cover a large part of the refurbishing costs, with the British Technion Society pledging the remainder.

Arkia manager, board chairman, resign

By BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV. — The general manager of Arkia, Israel Roth, has resigned from his post, together with the airline's board chairman, Mordechai Ben-Ari.

Although Roth has declined to make any comment, it is understood that his resignation is mainly in protest against government plans for the airline's future.

Ben-Ari's resignation was foreseen, following a statement by the Prime Minister that Transport Minister Haim Landau had decided to oust El Al from Arkia's management.

Transport Minister Landau has said that he would shortly appoint Ahuf (Res.) Benyamini Peled, who is now managing director of El Al, as head of the airline, and a businessman Meir Halevy, to the Arkia board.

It is understood that this would be a temporary measure, until El Al's 50 per cent share in Arkia is given over to other hands.

Israel Roth remains firm in his conviction that unless Arkia is expanded to include the short "local" routes, its future is in doubt.

Business centre slated for Ramat Aviv 'Gimel'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Africa-Israeli Investment Company, a Bank Leumi subsidiary, is investing IL15m. in building a commercial centre in Ramat Aviv "Gimel." Part of the centre will house a 360-square-metre Supermarket, and the rest of the 1,400 sq.m. area will be used for a bank and shops.

At present, the company is building 400 flats nearby (of which 72

are for young couples), and plans to start building another 300 flats, of four or five rooms, within a short time.

TENSE LINES — The Electric Corporation has begun erecting poles for two high-tension lines which will be strung to the airfields being built by the Americans near Yotvata and Mitpeh Ramon. It was announced this week.

EVERY THING IN ITS PLACE. REPORT SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS!

Stocks stable; buyers like linked bonds

TEL AVIV. — The pattern of advances achieved by shares during the first two sessions of the week ground to a halt yesterday. Overall, equities exhibited a marked degree of stability in moderately active trading.

Share turnovers barely reached the IL40m mark. But there was a sharp revival of interest in index-linked bonds. Advances were generally in the order of 1 to 2 per cent. However, some of the 4 per cent index-linked bonds rose by the allowable limit of 3 per cent. Trading in bonds exceeded that achieved by shares and stood at nearly IL24m.

The Israel pound was devalued yesterday by six agorot. Together with Monday's devaluation of some 18 agorot the local currency has lost more than 1 per cent in the past two days.

An outstanding feature in yesterday's trading activities was the performance of Clal Real Estate rights. They soared by 32.6 per cent and closed at 140. There was an initial demand of more than IL5m, which resulted in a turnover of IL1.5m.

Commercial banks, for the greater part, maintained their upward momentum, though Union Bank, Mizrahi and General Bank traded unchanged. Hapoalim advanced

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Stock Exchange Reporter

by two and a half BIBI. Leumi was the beneficiary of a one point rise. Otzar Hityashuv (b) was down by more than 6 per cent.

Mortgage bank shares were typical of yesterday's market with prices that were relatively unchanged. Otzar Leta'asiya was a good performer and rose by nearly 4.5 per cent to 505.

Insurance shares were mixed. On the losing side was Taziv, which lost nearly 4 per cent to 395. Hapoalim (a) was the largest gainer with a 2.5 point rise to 378.

Delek (b) was up 5.5 per cent by 10 points to 225. In a stable market and land development shares were not traded yesterday. The halt in trading of the company's

shares was caused by an announcement that Azurim had sold land in Holon for IL24m. In addition, the company will receive apartments and commercial space as part of the deal.

Pri Or jumped by 45 points to 960. The shares have recently been the object of speculative demand. Others in the group traded in a narrow price range.

The American Israel Paper Mills group of securities stole the spotlight in a generally uneventful industrial sector. The AIPM shares rose by 26 points to 778. The company's "A" options soared by a full 8 per cent to stand at 335. The 30 per cent debentures rose by 5.7 per cent. There was no special news to account for the rise in these securities. In the past year the company has achieved a major turnaround in earnings and it is more than likely that further and positive developments may soon be coming out of Hadera. Little Taal (r) was ahead by nearly 5 per cent.

Investment company issues were generally stable. However, a number of shares registered significant gains. These included Widam (r), which rose by 35 points to 590, and Widam IL10 (r), which gained nearly 5 per cent to 277.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

May 8, 1979	Change	Volume	Change	Volume
O.H.H. r	339.0	n.c.	344.5	11,000
O.H.H. b	378.0	-28.5	349.0	11,000
I.D.B. pref.	1390.0	n.c.	1390.0	11,000
I.D.B. b	480.0	+1.0	481.0	11,000
I.D.B. opt. 1	363.0	+2.0	365.0	11,000
I.D.B. opt. 2	490.0	+2.0	492.0	11,000
I.D.B. opt. 3	264.0	+2.0	266.0	11,000
Union 15% a.c. 0	197.0	+0.5	197.5	11,000
Union 15% a.c. 1	210.0	n.c.	210.0	11,000
Union opt. 1	430.0	n.c.	430.0	11,000
Union opt. 2	190.0	n.c.	190.0	11,000
Union opt. 3	106.5	n.c.	106.5	11,000
Union 15% a.c. 0	130.0	n.c.	130.0	11,000
Union 15% a.c. 1	97.0	+1.0	98.0	11,000
Discount	630.0	n.c.	630.0	11,000
Discount "A"	610.0	+1.0	611.0	11,000
Discount "A" 0% a.c.	149.0	+1.0	150.0	11,000
Mizrahi r	237.0	n.c.	237.0	11,000
Mizrahi opt. 1	290.0	n.c.	290.0	11,000
Mizrahi opt. 2	320.0	-4.0	316.0	11,000
Mizrahi opt. 3	412.0	-3.0	409.0	11,000
Mizrahi opt. 4	183.0	-2.0	181.0	11,000
Mizrahi opt. 5	183.0	+0.5	183.5	11,000
Mizrahi 20% a.c. 1	212.0	+1.0	213.0	11,000
Mizrahi 20% a.c. 2	178.5	-3.0	175.5	11,000
Mizrahi 20% a.c. 0	148.5	-3.0	145.5	11,000
Mizrahi a.c. 7	138.0	n.c.	138.0	11,000
Hapoalim pref.	695.0	+0.5	695.5	11,000
Hapoalim opt. 1	697.0	n.c.	697.0	11,000
Hapoalim opt. 2	595.0	+2.0	597.0	11,000
Hapoalim opt. 3	1062.0	n.c.	1062.0	11,000
Hapoalim opt. 4	890.0	+4.0	894.0	11,000
Hapoalim opt. 5	491.0	+0.5	491.5	11,000
Hapoalim opt. 6	387.0	+1.0	388.0	11,000
Hapoalim opt. 7	72.0	+1.0	73.0	11,000
Hapoalim 10% a.c. 1	632.0	+4.0	636.0	11,000
Hapoalim 10% a.c. 2	194.0	+1.0	195.0	11,000
Hapoalim 10% a.c. 0	187.0	n.c.	187.0	11,000
General	364.5	n.c.	364.5	11,000
General 15% a.c. 4	115.5	-2.0	113.5	11,000
Leumi r	319.0	+1.0	320.0	11,000
Leumi opt. 1	381.0	n.c.	381.0	11,000
Leumi opt. 2	390.0	n.c.	390.0	11,000
Leumi opt. 3	121.0	n.c.	121.0	11,000
Leumi 7% a.c. 1	441.0	n.c.	441.0	11,000
Leumi 7% a.c. 2	320.0	+0.5	320.5	11,000
Leumi 15% a.c. 1	181.0	+0.5	181.5	11,000
Leumi 15% a.c. 2	124.0	n.c.	124.0	11,000
International 6% a.c. 1	123.0	n.c.	123.0	11,000
I.B.I.	348.0	+2.0	350.0	11,000
Mortgage Banks				
Gen'l Mtg. b	344.0	n.c.	344.0	11,000
Gen'l Mtg. opt. 1	320.0	+3.0	323.0	11,000
Gen'l Mtg. opt. 114	430.0	n.c.	430.0	11,000
Gen'l Mtg. opt. 117	101.0	n.c.	101.0	11,000
Gen'l Mtg. 15% deb. 110	82.0	n.c.	82.0	11,000
Carmel r	293.0	+2.0	295.0	11,000
Carmel opt. 1	380.0	n.c.	380.0	11,000
Carmel opt. "A"	80.0	-1.0	79.0	11,000
Carmel 15% deb. 10	78.0	+1.0	79.0	11,000
Mortg. & Inv.	410.0	n.c.	410.0	11,000
Dev. & Mtg. b	197.0	n.c.	197.0	11,000
Dev. & Mtg. opt. 28	203.5	n.c.	203.5	11,000
Dev. & Mtg. opt. 29	199.0	n.c.	199.0	11,000
Dev. & Mtg. 15% deb. 66	85.0	n.c.	85.0	11,000
Dev. & Mtg. 15% deb. 67	219.0	n.c.	219.0	11,000
Dev. & Mtg. 15% deb. 68	126.0	n.c.	126.0	11,000
Dev. & Mtg. 15% deb. 69	82.5	+0.5	83.0	11,000
Housing Mtg. r	279.0	n.c.	279.0	11,000

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3018	683.2	+10.8
3020	494.0	+14.2
Group 5 Yield:	-1.40	
3027	478.5	+3.7
3032	426.5	+0.2
4002 (R)	660	n.c.
Group 22 Yield:	+0.90	
3101	344.3	+7.0
3108	299.0	+7.0
Group 24 Yield:	+1.12	
3110	285.0	+4.3
3113	270.4	+4.2
4% Gov't (90% Co-L)		
Group 42 Yield:	+2.82	
3201	213.8	n.c.
3209	202.0	n.c.
Group 44 Yield:	+2.32	
3210	196.4	+2.5
3213	189.8	+2.0
6% Gov't (90% Co-L)		
Group 52 Yield:	+2.80	
3301	121.4	+2.3
3304	109.9	+2.0
7% Gov't (90% Co-L)		
Group 64 Yield:	+0.24	
3322	155.7	+4.2
3328	124.7	+4.0
Group 66 Yield:	+3.50	
3328	149.0	+1.0
3333	142.1	+2.0
3334	132.1	+0.1
3341	121.5	n.c.
6.5% Defense loan		
Group 1 Yield:	-4.05	
75 (Ayn Ha)	80.0	+0.4
80 (Feb)	80.2	+0.8
Group 3 Yield:	-4.00	
81 (Pah Aleph)	78.0	+0.5
82 (Pah Bet)	74.8	+0.0
83 (Nun Aleph)	91.0	+2.0
84 (Nun)	84.7	+2.0
Gov't double-option linked		
2001	183.0	+1.1
2011	138.2	-0.3
2021	130.0	n.c.
Defense loan 89		
(75)	80.0	n.c.
44 (May Dale)	80.0	n.c.
Bonds 100% linked to foreign currency		
0% Int. Electric Corp. "B"	728.0	+2.0
0% Dead Sea Works	1944.0	+1.0
0.5% Gov't 5000	114.5	+1.0
Bonds 100% linked to foreign currency		
6003	444.0	+1.0
Dollar denominated bonds		
7% Unico	96.4	n.c.
7% Gen'l Mtg. 43	97.0	-0.2
Hollis 10	99.0	n.c.
Hollis 20	97.0	n.c.
Hollis 25	89.9	n.c.
8.5% Wolfson	78.0	+0.0
7% Yototot 10	96.5	n.c.
7% Clal Investment 2	95.0	+0.0
5% Fr. denominated bonds		
6% Bank Yaad 35	107.5	+0.7
0.5% Mimmim 5	107.0	+0.0
5% Memiv 5	106.5	+0.4

(The yield reflects the difference between the "theoretical" value of bonds — based on the date of issue and current Co-L index plus accumulated interest — and the actual market price. It is based on the assumption that future Co-L index increases will be zero. A negative yield indicates bonds sold at a premium, a positive figure bonds sold at a discount.)

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Velumes	83.78	73.78	n.c.
Shares traded:	IL40.5m.	IL45.6m.	
Convertible:	IL5.5m.	IL5.6m.	
Bonds:	IL44.9m.	IL47.7m.	

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 a.o. — buyers only
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n.c. — no change
 b. — bearer
 p. — preferred
 opt. — option
 conv. — convertible

These stock prices are unofficial.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates—May 8

Currency	Rate
U.S. dollars	29.0170
Swiss	47.7077
DM	12.1336
French Fr.	6.2707
Dutch Fl.	11.2005
Swiss Fr.	14.4981
Spanish M.	166.2000
Nor. Kr.	4.4494
Danish Kr.	4.8244
Finn. M.	6.7485
Can. dollar	29.8189
Aust. Dollar	23.2804
Bel. Fr. (10)	27.1851
Bel. Fr. (10)	7.1810
Aust. Sch. (10)	16.5222
Il. Lire (1,000)	37.2320
Yen (100)	10.7253
Italian Lira	75.94
Lebanon Lira	7.11

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justice minister was considering the recommendation favorably.

"I saw my husband at Ramla Prison on Friday and he was sure that he would enjoy some form of reduction in the light of the special circumstances of his case. This will come as a terrible blow and disappointment to him," she said.

It has been reliably learned that Tamir told at least one of the people who interceded on Taur's behalf that they should organize political support for a favourable decision.

Asher Yadlin was sentenced to five years for embezzlement in 1977. A committee recommended that his sentence be reduced by ten months, but Tamir also rejected this for reasons of public policy.

He emphasized that imprisonment also had a deterrent effect and that this had to be upheld.

If Yadlin has his sentence reduced by a third by the pardons board for good behavior, he will be released early next year.

David Feid, former director of the Customs and Excise Department, sentenced to five years for accepting bribes, did not earn a recommendation from the committee which examined his file.

Ya'acov Cohen was serving an 18-year term for robbery. He is being treated for severe kidney failure and receives dialysis treatment two to three times a week. He will be released within the next few days. President Navon showed particular interest in this case.

The amnesty committees did not recommend that the sentences of Ehud Adiv or Dan Vered, who were sentenced to 17 and 10 years respectively for membership in a Syrian spy ring, be shortened in any way.

Among those recommendations still to be finalized are those of Ludvina Janssen and Terry Floener, two women sentenced on terror charges. Janssen, a Dutch citizen,

BEGIN BLASTS DEFENCE

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Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, are seeking a stronger and more explicit assertion that the ultimate legal source of authority for the autonomy resides in Israel than the mere implementation of this contained in the word "withdrawn." (Israel) incited at Camp David on "withdrawn" rather than "abolished" in order to protect the residual legal authority of the military government as the source of power for the autonomy.)

There is also no mention of the holy places in Jerusalem in the revamped plan. Article 25 of the original 26-point plan guaranteed freedom of access to the holy places. Informed sources explained that, following Camp David, the autonomy plan is seen by all parties as transitional and therefore there is no need to mention Jerusalem's holy places since the entire issue of Jerusalem was left open at Camp David.

The premier's plan reiterates his original proposals regarding the modalities or establishing the autonomy: a secret, universal suffrage with an 18-year minimum age for voters and a 25-year minimum age for candidates to an eleven-man autonomous council. The "modalities" are to be the



Bahamim Atzaba points out an interesting feature of the bank note a customer is eyeing critically. At his "business location" in front of Barclay's Bank on Jerusalem's Yaffa Road, Atzaba, 61, sells out-of-date paper money and coins from his collection, which he started in 1948.

Here are some sample prices. A IL1 note issued in 1958 sells for IL10 today. A IL5 note with Einstein's portrait, dating from as recently as 1968, is worth IL10. The first IL5 note issued by Bank Leumi in 1952 sells for IL350 today, while the Anglo-Palestine Bank's 500 MILs note goes for IL400. A 100 Egyptian pound note issued by King Farouk in 1942 is offered for IL2,500.

(Steve Nelson)

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli sheqel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$5000, and transactions in other currencies under the equivalent of \$500.

Selling	Buying
U.S. \$	22.1400
DM	12.1336
Swiss Fr.	14.4981
French Fr.	6.2707
Dutch Fl.	11.2005
Austrian Sch.	1.6821
Swedish Kr.	6.3990
Danish Kr.	4.8247
Norwegian Kr.	6.7485
Spanish M.	166.2000
Canadian \$	20.0268
Rand	27.3307
Belgian Fr. (100)	7.1853
Australian \$	25.7201
Yen (100)	10.7253
Italian Lira (1000)	27.2325

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 Swiss Fr. 1.7085/05 per \$
 Belgian Fr. 30.22/2300 per \$
 Swedish Kr. 4.3812/22 per \$
 French Fr. 4.3670/65 per \$
 Danish Kr. 0.2450/50 per \$
 Dutch Fl. 2.6554/48 per \$
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REVISED FAMILY PLANNING

With Israelis living longer than ever before, the risks of old-age loneliness should motivate couples to have large families, writes BINYAMIN ENGLMAN.

ISRAEL, like the U.S., Britain and several European countries, has been experiencing a steady decline in its birth-rate over the past few decades. The drop in Jewish births in Israel has not been as severe as that of the general populations in the West, but it has been sharp enough to put it just above "replacement level."

The reasons for the decline here are most or less the same as they are in the West: economic pressures, changing marriage and divorce patterns, the desire of women for careers, the growth of birth-control devices, and so on.

If Israelis are concerned at all about the drop in Jewish births, it is usually because of the demographic problem presented by the much higher birth-rate among local Moslems. But I should like to consider the matter — and to argue for a higher Jewish birth-rate — from an entirely different point of view.

Let us consider some statistics from the opposite end — those dealing with aging.

THE MEAN length of life in Israel in 1977 was about 74 years (73 years for a male and an extra period of grace of 3 1/2 years for his lady).

Supporting an average age of retirement of 65, the extra life-span of nine years means just so many years of detachment from the person's routine surroundings, occupations and interests.

As often as not, the change brings upon the retiree, suddenly on the day of his retirement and irrevocably as the days go on, feelings of loss, loneliness and boredom.

This situation forms the subject of Haim Hazaz's short story, "Another generation," in his book "Bell and Fongrenat." He describes the disorientation of a man as he goes into retirement and the tension the new situation brings into his relations with his wife.



Loneliness in old age...a modern problem becoming increasingly more acute.

In truth, from a strictly statistical angle, the predicament of the average retiree is going to be much worse than in Hazaz's story, since he is likely to be much lonelier. The reason is that while the life-span of either spouse is indeed going to average about 74 years, they are unlikely to reach this age together. One spouse is likely to outlive the

other and spend the remainder of his life in utter loneliness. The expected period of widowhood is over 20 years (again more for the female, who is also generally younger than her partner, less for the male).

Old age means extremely hard years of physical and frequently mental decline, not unaptly nicknamed a "second childhood." One is in acute need of being close to one's closest and who is there if not one's children if there are any.

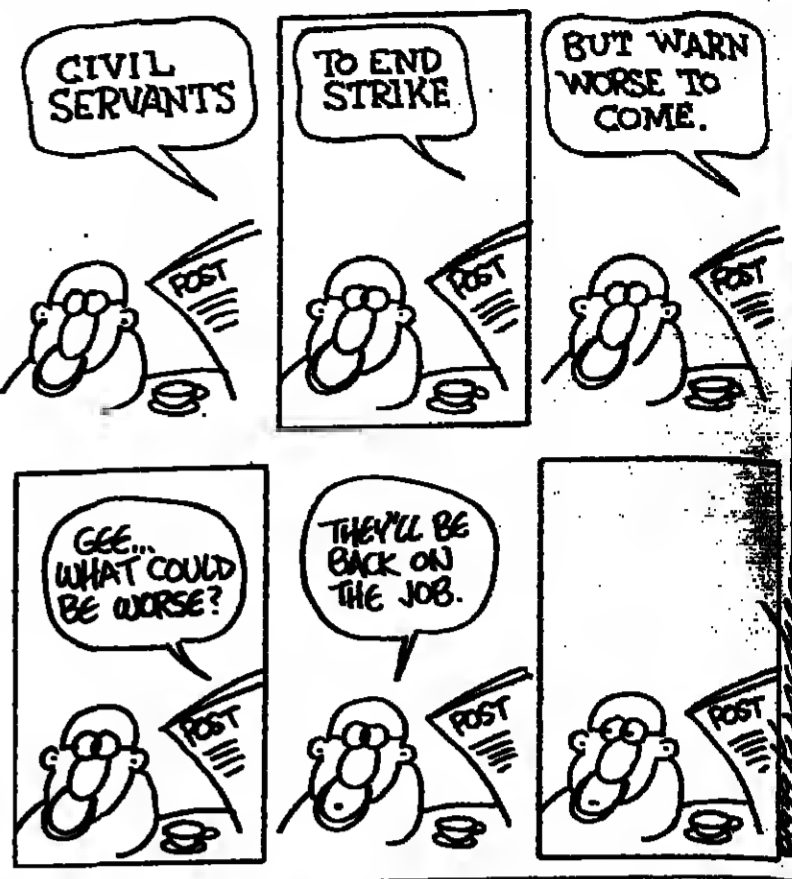
WHAT THEY can give in these years, no one else can give. Money can help, arrangements between neighbors can mitigate problems, old-age homes exist. But the feeling of loneliness is dissolved only by being part (if only a passive one) of a family.

Naturally one does not like to be a burden to anyone, not even to one's kin, and practical arrangements which are frequently a function of money need to be thought of to avoid this. But pity the one who cuts himself off from his own family for this reason and don't pity the one who has done so irrevocably in his early years in the misguided name of "sensible family planning."

Such family planning may of course include one or two children, but these may not be available when needed. They may be abroad, they may be unwilling or for some reason incapable of looking after their old parent. There may also be statistically significant fluctuations which make the children die before their parent.

Thus take the case of children born when their parent is 23 years of age and calculate the chances of their decreasing before their progenitor reaches 75. For one child to die the probability is over 20 per cent; for children in a two-child situation the chances are 5 per cent and even with three children one only has 99 per cent chance to have a child when one reaches 75 years of age.

Dry Bones



Thus, the extra and tragically unborn child is the one who might have made the parent's final years tolerable, giving and repaying comfort, warmth and love.

Let us recognize that to a large extent this is a modern problem getting increasingly more acute, as due to improved medical conditions, etc. longevity increases. The mean length of life in our country has increased from 61 in 1930 to its present figure of about 74, adding from the point of view of loneliness 13 problem years (though otherwise welcome) years to man's life.

In those bygone days when a man's life drew to a close shortly after his reproductive years, when he shut his eyes with his offspring tottering around him, he surely had no need to forestall his last-years loneliness.

In another area of changes in our living conditions, which is at least symbolic, in 1935 about five times as

many one-room flats were built as four-room or larger flats; in 1977 the ratio is 15 — but the other way round. The average retiree lives in a room in a much larger apartment and feels all the more lost and lonesome in it.

BY FOCUSING on old-age loneliness, we are saying the following to young people of the present generation: Think about your future, choose your own good, plan for the long run. Four or more children may be a difficulty initially, but what comfort they will be during your last 20 years.

This call may sound like an advertisement for a profitable investment or for a life-insurance. However, family planning may be considered just such a thing...

The author is deputy chairman of Ephrat, the Association for the Encouragement of Increased Birth-Rate among Jewish People.

No confidence justified

IT IS DIFFICULT to recall another instance in which a motion of no confidence in the government, in the most literal sense of the term, was as justified as the motion to be debated in the Knesset today on the freeing of 76 convicted terrorists in exchange for a kidnapped Israeli soldier.

The motion tabled by the Labour Alignment and by Shai is admittedly a political one. Nevertheless the entire nation cannot refrain from expressing a lack of confidence in the judgement of its leaders in deciding to free convicted mass murderers for whose capture Israeli soldiers have paid with their lives.

As reprehensible as the bad judgement evinced was the apparent collusion to keep the details of the swap away from the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. This attempted cover-up is what led to the deal, concluded in March, beginning a cause celebre only in May, after PLO sources revealed those details this week.

The calculated withholding of information on the identity of the freed terrorists in itself constitutes an admission on the part of the authorities of the mistake they had committed. The prisoners swap undermines one of the linchpins of Israeli policy towards PLO terror in the face of repeated attempts to seize Israeli hostages to force the freeing of imprisoned terrorists.

No small number of Israeli hostages have been killed or wounded in maintaining an excruciatingly difficult but essential policy of not giving in to such terrorist demands and blackmail. The entire rationale of that policy has now been placed in question by this decision.

The most trenchant criticism of the government's step came in the Knesset Monday from the chairman of the coalition's NRP faction, Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir. He declared the "wretched" decision to release the terrorists to be "one of the government's biggest mistakes" and a "terrible stain" on its record.

The enormity of the original decision was highlighted all the more in the releasing of the details only ten days after the brutal terrorist action in Nahariya. In that action, a father and his two young daughters were killed in an attempt to prevent their being taken hostage to force the release of additional terrorists.

Prime Minister Begin reacted to that tragic event by demanding the death sentence for especially brutal terrorist killers. Squaring such an attitude with Mr. Begin's central role in freeing the 76 terrorists defies comprehension.

There are broader questions that must be considered in the light of this affair. Mr. Begin, during his two years in office, has displayed a not infrequent tendency to such aberrant lack of judgement, beginning with the decision to pardon Israel's biggest embezzler, Yehoshua Bension, for personal and political reasons.

The failure of the majority of the Cabinet to keep Mr. Begin's penchant for such wrong judgements in check is a source of serious concern.

READERS' LETTERS

THE BASIC ISSUE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Recently, a spate of articles against "religious coercion" has appeared in the Israeli press induced, apparently, by legislation that is anticipated. Though most of those items (e.g. "Exquisite silence by Goldie Klugman, in your issue of April 27) tell us nothing that has not been advanced many times already, they persist in repeating themselves and claim to speak for the "silent majority" that is being "deprived" of its "fundamental democratic rights." They refuse to recognize that legislative action in Israel is achieved through democratic processes and that even legislation — through the price of "coalition politics" — is democratic.

Somehow, whatever does not suit them is a denial of democracy. Goldie Klugman reaches the climax with the touching question: "Have our two millions of suffering taught us nothing?" Indeed, this is the question. And I dare say they have taught us clearly that, without halacha, the Jewish people cannot survive. In four thousand years no Jewish community has survived for a century after it turned its back on basic Torah law.

This should not be surprising. Far more profound than the demand that "we Jews of all people, should be most sensitive to civil encroachments by ecclesiastical authorities" (Klugman) is the demand that we Jews should justify our reason for existence. Assimilation in all ages and the havoc it plays with over 50 per cent of our people in the world today, exist precisely because Jews, who may be advocates of civil rights, have no raison d'être as Jews.

THE DEATH PENALTY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The death penalty for terrorists committing especially inhuman crimes has lately been debated ardently with public opinion divided on the subject. The demand for swift and adequate punishment for such crimes is fully justifiable and cannot be countered by the assertion that the death penalty allegedly does not exist in other enlightened countries. This is not true. Death sentences are passed from time to time in France for ordinary crimes and in the United States, the death penalty is statutory in a number of states, although no executions have been carried out recently. As for the U.S.S.R. and other "progressive" countries, not only does the penal code provide for the death penalty, but it has been repeatedly applied even for economic crimes.

Death sentences should be carried out speedily; if administration of justice is drawn out over a long period, it only invites pressures and appeals from foreign dignitaries and ends being counter-productive. Unless and until summary executions of sentences passed by military tribunals are instituted, sentencing terrorists to death would not serve its purpose and would only make martyrs of abject criminals.

There is, however, another punishment which would be commensurate with the crime committed and would not expose our country to international pressures and criticism. Terrorists who have committed heinous crimes should be sentenced to hard labour for life under a strict penitentiary regime. This prospect

THE EPIDEMIC OF STRIKES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — For a man who arrives in Israel with the desire to take part in the building of the Jewish state, the most distressing feature of life here is the proliferation of Israelis for strikes and sanctimoniousness.

The existence of strikes was not a revelation for me when I arrived here: even in the USSR, I had heard enough about the ways of free society. What impresses me in Israel is the thoughtless easiness with which people proclaim strikes, their readiness to strangle a few hundred pounds more, and their complete disregard of the notion of service and devotion — the noblest heritage of the founders of our state. The strikes are proclaimed on any pretext almost immediately negotiations are started and nobody takes into account their harmful and destructive effects. Not only does the epidemic of strikes cause damage to our national prestige, but we slide into degradation and begin to lose our own self-respect.

I think some legal measures are necessary to create a new atmosphere. One such measure may be the limitation of the dictatorial power of the Histadrut to proclaim strikes without consulting those involved. VITALY RUBIN Jerusalem

THE EPIDEMIC OF STRIKES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Not many of us oppose the death penalty for terrorists who commit crimes of inhuman cruelty against Israeli citizens. Many of us would also recommend the death penalty for Israeli rapists and murderers.

But what about the murderers who kill our youngsters by inducing them to drugs? Have our judges ever seen victims of this plague before passing light sentences on drug-dealers and pushers? Have they ever seen the agony of parents who are helpless bystanders while their dearest ones perish slowly but surely? Are our lawmakers and judges waiting to provide higher sentences for drug-offences until their own children become the victims of these criminals?

Drug-dealers and drug-pushers are worse criminals than the terrorists. They maim and kill our children out of greediness, they play into the hands of our enemies and, in the long run, undermine our society. Let us therefore, institute the death penalty for drug-offences as well. Rehovot. G.H. SELLA

POSTSCRIPTS

OUR DRAMA critic, in the course of a visit to Vienna recently, went to the theatre one night and was more affected by the audience than he was by the play. The drama was "The Italian Night," Oedon von Horvath's depiction of the rise of Nazism. Our critic recalls:

"The scene was realistic to the tiniest detail of uniforms and posters and brass instruments, and there seemed to be hundreds of people on the immense stage. We saw them again and again during the play, marching with the self assurance of men who are already masters of the town, and tomorrow will be masters of the Reich.

"I found something incongruous about that play in the context of life in Vienna, like a scraping grating sound interjected in a Mozart quartet. The audience did not seem to think so. There was no visible or audible reaction to some of the more brutal scenes, there was the usual polite applause after each act and at the end when the cast stood bowing against a collage of obscenely violent Nazi posters.

"And during intermission the promenade of the well-dressed crowd with champagne glasses in hand proceeded unperturbed, as if the terrible events shown in the play had not taken place within the memory of most of the people."

RIO DE JANEIRO authorities declined at the last minute to sign a Twin Cities pact with Tel Aviv last year. Shlomo Lahat enjoyed the Carnival, was enthusiastically wined and dined, but came back empty-handed, and with much hurt feelings.

But Rio today has a Jewish Mayor — for the first time ever. Israel Klabin, 52, is a civil engineer and mathematician, a best-selling poet, a first-class yachtsman. His father, Wolf Klabin, founded what was to become one of the country's biggest financial enterprises starting with Brazil's first paper mill.

Rio de Janeiro's mayor is not elected, but appointed by the state governor — as it is considered a very "sensitive" position. Considering

all the pressure against the pact with Tel Aviv last year, Klabin's nomination was unanimously approved by the political leaders. The president himself, Gen. Joao Batista de Figueiredo, has openly called him "my own man for the job."

Klabin is an active member of Rio's Jewish community. The first non-Orthodox synagogue built in the city was at his initiative. He has also been a consultant on economic affairs for the Israel government, and his right-hand man is engineer Mathieu Schneider, whose talents include fluency in Hebrew, Aramaic and Persian. M.H.

MORE THAN 120 paintings from private collections around the world, including works by Goya, Monet, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Rubens and Picasso, are being assembled in Saudi Arabia for a two-week show-please sale in May, according to the Observer Foreign News Service.

Three Goyas, worth an estimated \$1.1m., have already been carried through Riyadh airport customs by the man who has done much to organize the sale, Jorge Garcia Santinelli, a wealthy Mexican.

The sale presents two worries for the art world. "Under Islamic law insurance is not allowed so that from the moment the plane carrying the paintings touches the Riyadh airport tarmac, they will not be insured.

The second worry is that, although invitations to the exhibition and sale are being sent out to international dealers and collectors, many of the paintings will not re-emerge from private collections in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Mish'ael bin Mohammed bin Saud bin Abdul Aziz, who is sponsoring the event, recognizes that competition among international dealers for the works will be fierce. At present he is on a world tour of museums talking to curators, but he will be back in Riyadh by the time the frenetic buying starts.

Saudis hope that the sale will be the first of many in a country which has so far lacked major collections of Western art. Plans are under way for other similar exhibitions and to establish a national art gallery.

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DENTAL CARE IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — This is in response to a stimulating article on dental care in Israel, and a letter to the editor, which recently appeared and pointed out problems of providing dental care here.

Although I have taught biochemistry and chemical pathology to dental students, my primary interest is as a patient. Recently I received a dental bill which appeared to have been calculated on the basis of about I.L.I. 400 (or \$70) per hour. His fees, the dentist assured me, were approved by the dental association. When I pointed out that these shamefully high fees make it extremely difficult for anyone earning an Israeli salary to provide dental care for his family, the dentist said frankly: "I don't give a damn what you think." He need not concern himself, since dental care is in demand, and postponing or ignoring dental treatment isn't an acceptable alternative.

In the long run, we need a programme of prepaid dental insurance, managed either through existing health funds or in some other framework. Such a system would require additional dentists to staff it, and these must be obtained by expanding the Israeli dental schools and/or paying stipends to qualified students studying dentistry abroad, providing that they commit themselves to staff the sick fund

DENTAL CARE IN ISRAEL

clinics for a specified period upon their return. It might be possible to increase the supply of dental health personnel somewhat more quickly by encouraging graduating dentists in the U.S. and elsewhere to spend a period of a year or more in Israel as a period of adventure and voluntary service.

It is certainly time for the Ministry of Health, the administrators of the various sick funds and representatives of the dental profession, all of whom are interested in this issue, to get together and take steps to ensuring a suitable salary for dentists, in keeping with those of other Israeli professionals, and also provide adequate, efficient delivery of modern, high-quality dental care to patients. L.WRENCIE M. LEWIN F.D.S. Tel. Hashomer.

PIGEON POST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your readers may be interested to know that, on October 1, 1978, I posted a letter in Haifa addressed to Tel Aviv. It was received on March 13, 1979, after 150 days. A reply was sent to me on the same day, and it arrived here on April 7, 45 days later. But then, during the return trip, the post office workers were on partial strike. I have the original stamped envelope to confirm my story. SERGE GREEN Haifa.

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